

User Guide

MILLIPLEX[®] Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Magnetic Bead Panel

96-Well Plate Assay

HCYTB-60K
HCYTB-60K-PX38
HCYTB-60K-PXBK38
HCYTB-60K-PX48
HCYTB-60K-PXBK48
HCYTPB-76K in HCYTPAB-76SK
HCYTPB-96K in HCYTPAB-96SK

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Introduction

“Cytokine” is a general term used for a diverse group of small proteins, peptides or glycoproteins secreted by lymphocytes, monocytes, macrophages and other cells that regulate immune responses, hematopoiesis and lymphocyte development. Cytokines include interleukins, interferons, chemokines and other signaling molecules. Growth factors are extracellular polypeptides that have a positive effect on cell growth and proliferation. They can stimulate growth in a variety of different cell types. Growth factors and cytokines are similar in structure and the way of action. Individual cytokines or growth factors are produced by multiple cell types. This is different from hormones, which tend to be made by specialized glands. Each cytokine or growth factor acts through its own receptor on target cells to generate signaling pathways, and as a consequence to regulate biological processes. Some intracellular signaling components are shared between cytokines and growth factors. Expression of cytokines or growth factors and their receptors is highly regulated. De-regulation may contribute to many diseases such as infectious disease, autoimmune and chronic inflammatory disease, cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, neurological disorders, and cancer. Cytokine and growth factor research plays a significant role in achieving a deeper understanding of the immune system and combating related diseases.

The MILLIPLEX® portfolio offers the broadest selection of analytes across a wide range of disease states and species. Once the analytes of interest have been identified, you can rely on the quality that we build into each kit to produce results you can trust. In addition to the assay characteristics listed in the protocol, other performance criteria evaluated during the verification process includes: cross-reactivity, dilution linearity, kit stability, and sample behavior (for example, detectability and stability).

Each MILLIPLEX® panel and kit includes:

- Quality controls (QCs) provided to qualify assay performance
- Comparison of standard (calibrator) and QC lots to a reference lot to ensure lot-to-lot consistency
- Optimized serum matrix to mimic native analyte environment
- Detection antibody cocktails designed to yield consistent analyte profiles within panel

In addition, each panel and kit meet stringent manufacturing criteria to ensure batch-to-batch reproducibility. The MILLIPLEX® Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Magnetic Bead Panel thus enables you to focus on the therapeutic potential of cytokines and the modulation of cytokine expression. Coupled with the Luminex® xMAP® platform in a magnetic bead format, you receive the advantage of ideal speed and sensitivity, allowing quantitative multiplex detection of dozens of analytes simultaneously, which can dramatically improve productivity.

The MILLIPLEX® Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Magnetic Bead Panel is part of the most versatile system available for cytokine, chemokine, and growth factor research. From our single to multiplex biomarker solutions, we partner with you to design, develop, analytically verify, and build the most comprehensive library available for protein detection and quantitation.

MILLIPLEX® products offer you:

- The ability to select a 38-plex or 48-plex premixed kit.
- The ability to choose any combination of analytes from our panel of 48 analytes to design a custom kit that better meets your needs.
- A convenient “all-in-one” box format that gives you the assurance that you will have all the necessary reagents you need to run your assay.

The MILLIPLEX® Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Magnetic Bead Panel is a 48-plex kit to be used for the simultaneous quantification of any or all of the following analytes in serum or plasma samples and tissue/cell lysate and culture supernatant samples: 6CKine, sCD137, sFas, sFasL, APRIL, BAFF, BCA-1, CCL28, CTACK, CXCL16, ENA-78, Eotaxin-2, Eotaxin-3, GCP-2, Granzyme A, Granzyme B, HMGB1, I-309, IFN β , IFN ω , IL-11, IL-16, IL-20, IL-21, IL-23, IL-24, IL-28A, IL-29, IL-31, IL-33, IL-34, IL-35, I-TAC, LIF, Lymphotoxin, MCP-2, MCP-4, MIP-1 δ , MIP-3 α , MIP-3 β , MPIF-1, Perforin, SCF, SDF-1, TARC, TPO, TRAIL, TSLP.

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Please read entire protocol before use.

It is important to use same assay incubation conditions throughout your study.

Principle

MILLIPLEX® products are based on the Luminex® xMAP® technology — one of the fastest growing and most respected multiplex technologies offering applications throughout the life-sciences and capable of performing a variety of bioassays including immunoassays on the surface of fluorescent-coded magnetic beads known as MagPlex®-C microspheres.

- Luminex® products use proprietary techniques to internally color-code microspheres with two fluorescent dyes. Through precise concentrations of these dyes, distinctly colored bead sets of 500-5.6 µm polystyrene microspheres or 80-6.45 µm magnetic microspheres can be created, each of which is coated with a specific capture antibody.
- After an analyte from a test sample is captured by the bead, a biotinylated detection antibody is introduced.
- The reaction mixture is then incubated with Streptavidin-PE conjugate, the reporter molecule, to complete the reaction on the surface of each microsphere.
- The following Luminex® instruments can be used to acquire and analyze data using two detection methods:
 - The Luminex® analyzers, Luminex® 200™, FLEXMAP 3D®, and xMAP® INTELLIFLEX, are flow cytometry-based instruments that integrate key xMAP® detection components, such as lasers, optics, advanced fluidics and high-speed digital signal processors.
 - The Luminex® analyzer (MAGPIX®), a CCD-based instrument that integrates key xMAP® capture and detection components with the speed and efficiency of magnetic beads.
- Each individual microsphere is identified and the result of its bioassay is quantified based on fluorescent reporter signals. We combine the streamlined data acquisition power of Luminex® xPONENT® acquisition software with sophisticated analysis capabilities of the new MILLIPLEX® Analyst 5.1, integrating data acquisition and analysis seamlessly with all Luminex® instruments.
- xMAP® INTELLIFLEX runs on INTELLIFLEX software for instrument control, run setup and generating high quality data with flexible output options. Data can be exported in xPONENT® style CSV files for compatibility with many existing analytical applications, or in the new, customizable INTELLIFLEX file format. The INTELLIFLEX file format is intended for flexibility and simplicity, allowing the user to freely select which data points to include and to reduce the time to analysis.

The capability of adding multiple conjugated beads to each sample results in the ability to obtain multiple results from each sample. Open-architecture xMAP® technology enables multiplexing of many types of bioassays reducing time, labor and costs over traditional methods.

Storage Conditions Upon Receipt

- Recommended storage for kit components is 2–8 °C.
- For long-term storage, freeze reconstituted standards and controls at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid multiple (> 2) freeze/thaw cycles.
- **DO NOT FREEZE** Antibody-Immobilized Beads, Detection Antibody, and Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin.

Reagents Supplied

Store all reagents at 2–8 °C

Reagents	Volume	Quantity	Cat. No.
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Standard	Lyophilized	1 vial	HCYTB-8060-1 (for configurable 30-plex) or HCYTB-8060-2 (for 38-plex and 48-plex)
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Quality Controls 1 and 2	Lyophilized	1 vial each	HCYTB-6060-1 (for configurable 30-plex) or HCYTB-6060-2 (for 38-plex and 48-plex)
Serum Matrix	Lyophilized	1 vial	MXHSM-B
Set of one 96-Well Plate with 2 sealers	-	1 set	-
Assay Buffer	30 mL	1 bottle	L-AB
10X Wash Buffer	60 mL	1 bottle	L-WB
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Detection Antibodies	3.2 mL	1 bottle	HCYTB-1060-1 (for configurable 30-plex) or HCYTB-1060-2 (for 38-plex and 48-plex)
Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	3.2 mL	1 bottle	L-SAPE10(Use with Cat. No. HCYTB-1060-1) or L-SAPE11 (Use with Cat. No. HCYTB-1060-2)
Bead Diluent (not provided with premixed bead)	3.5 mL	1 bottle	LBD
Mixing Bottle (not provided with premixed panel)	-	1 bottle	-

* Reagent Precautions: Sodium azide or Proclin™ has been added to some reagents as a preservative. Although the concentrations are low, Sodium azide and Proclin™ may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Dispose of unused contents and waste in accordance with international, federal, state, and local regulations.

** For details on which reagents ship with which analytes, see table in [Product Ordering](#) on page 37.

Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Antibody-Immobilized Premixed Magnetic Beads

	Volume	Quantity	Cat. No.
Premixed 38-plex Beads	3.5 mL	1 bottle	HCYTBPMX38-MG
Premixed 48-plex Beads	3.5 mL	1 bottle	HCYTBPMX48-MG

Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Antibody-Immobilized Magnetic Beads

Included Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Antibody-Immobilized Beads are dependent on customizable selection of analytes within the panel.

Bead/Analyte Name	Luminex® Magnetic Bead Region	Customizable 48 Analytes (50X concentration, 90 µL)		38-Plex Magnetic Premixed Beads	48-Plex Magnetic Premixed Beads
		Available	Cat. No.		
Anti-Human 6CKine Bead	12	✓	H6CKINE-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human BCA-1 Bead	13	✓	HBCA1-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human sFas Bead	14	✓	HSFAS-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human sFasL Bead	15	✓	HSFASL-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human sCD137 Bead	18	✓	HSCD137-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human APRIL Bead	19	✓	HAPRIL-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human BAFF Bead	20	✓	HBAFF-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-16 Bead	21	✓	HIL16-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human CCL28 Bead	22	✓	HCCL28-MG		✓
Anti-Human CTACK Bead	25	✓	HCTACK-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human CXCL16 Bead	26	✓	HCXCL16-MG		✓
Anti-Human ENA-78 Bead	27	✓	HENA78-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human Granzyme A Bead	28	✓	HGRNZMA-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human Eotaxin-2 Bead	29	✓	HETXN2-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human Eotaxin-3 Bead	30	✓	HETXN3-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-35 Bead	33	✓	HIL35-MG		✓
Anti-Human GCP-2 Bead	34	✓	HGCP2-MG		✓
Anti-Human HMGB1 Bead	35	✓	HHMGB1-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human I-309 Bead	36	✓	HI309-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human Granzyme B Bead	37	✓	HGRNZMB-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IFNβ Bead	38	✓	HIFNB-MG	✓	✓

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Bead/Analyte Name	Luminex®	Customizable 48 Analytes		38-Plex	48-Plex
	Magnetic Bead Region	(50X concentration, 90 µL)	Available Cat. No.	Magnetic Premixed Beads	Magnetic Premixed Beads
Anti-Human IFN ω Bead	39	✓	HIFNW-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-11 Bead	42	✓	HIL11-MG		✓
Anti-Human IL-23 Bead	43	✓	HIL23-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-20 Bead	44	✓	HIL20-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-24 Bead	45	✓	HIL24-MG		✓
Anti-Human IL-28A Bead	46	✓	HIL28A-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-31 Bead	47	✓	HIL31-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-29 Bead	48	✓	HIL29-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-33 Bead	51	✓	HIL33-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-21 Bead	52	✓	HIL21-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human IL-34 Bead	53	✓	HIL34-MG		✓
Anti-Human LIF Bead	54	✓	HLIF-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human Lymphotactin Bead	55	✓	HLTCTN-MG		✓
Anti-Human MCP-2 Bead	56	✓	HMCP2-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human MCP-4 Bead	57	✓	HMCP4-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human MIP-1 δ Bead	61	✓	HMIP1D-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human MIP-3 α Bead	62	✓	HMIP3A-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human I-TAC Bead	63	✓	HITAC-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human MIP-3 β Bead	64	✓	HMIP3B-MG		✓
Anti-Human MPIF-1 Bead	65	✓	HMPIF1-MG		✓
Anti-Human SCF Bead	66	✓	HSCF-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human SDF-1 Bead	67	✓	HSDF1-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human TARC Bead	72	✓	HTARC-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human TPO Bead	73	✓	HTPO-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human TRAIL Bead	74	✓	HTRAIL-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human TSLP Bead	75	✓	HTSLP-MG	✓	✓
Anti-Human Perforin Bead	78	✓	HPRFRN-MG	✓	✓

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Materials Required (not included)

Reagents

MAGPIX® Drive Fluid PLUS (Cat. No. 40-50030), xMAP® Sheath Fluid PLUS (Cat. No. 40-50021), or xMAP® Sheath Concentrate PLUS (Cat. No. 40-50023)

Instrumentation/Materials



- Adjustable pipettes with tips capable of delivering 25 µL to 1000 µL
- Multichannel pipettes capable of delivering 5 µL to 50 µL, or 25 µL to 200 µL
- Reagent reservoirs
- Polypropylene microfuge tubes
- Rubber bands
- Aluminum foil
- Absorbent pads
- Laboratory vortex mixer
- Sonicator (Branson Ultrasonic Cleaner Model B200 or equivalent)
- Titer plate shaker (VWR® Microplate Shaker Cat. No. 12620-926 or equivalent)
- Luminex® 200™, HTS, FLEXMAP 3D®, MAGPIX® instrument with xPONENT® software, or xMAP® INTELLIFLEX instrument with INTELLIFLEX software by Luminex® Corporation
- Automatic plate washer for magnetic beads (BioTek® 405 LS and 405 TS, Cat. No. 40-094, 40-095, 40-096, 40-097 or equivalent) or Handheld Magnetic Separation Block (Cat. No. 40-285 or equivalent).




Note: If a plate washer or handheld magnetic separation block for magnetic beads is not available, one can use a microtiter filter plate (Cat. No. MX-PLATE) to run the assay using a vacuum filtration unit (Vacuum Manifold, Cat. No. MSVMHTS00 or equivalent with Vacuum Pump, Cat. No. WP6111560 or equivalent).

Safety Precautions

- All blood components and biological materials should be handled as potentially hazardous. Follow universal precautions as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration when handling and disposing of infectious agents.
- Sodium azide or Proclin™ has been added to some reagents as a preservative. Although the concentrations are low, Sodium azide and Proclin™ may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Dispose of unused contents and waste in accordance with international, federal, state, and local regulations.

Symbol Definitions

Ingredient	Cat. No.	Label	
10X Wash Buffer	L-WB		<p>Warning. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Wear protective gloves. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.</p>
Human Cytokine Panel B Std 1 & Human Cytokine Panel B QC1 & 2 for Std 1, Human Cytokine Panel B Std 2 & Human Cytokine Panel B QC1 & 2 for Std 2	HCYTB-8060-1 & HCYTB-6060-1, HCYTB-8060-2 & HCYTB-6060-2		<p>Danger. Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes serious eye damage. May cause damage to organs Respiratory Tract through prolonged or repeated exposure. May cause damage to organs Brain through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Do not breathe dust. Wash skin thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Store locked up. Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.</p>

Ingredient	Cat. No.	Label	
Human Cytokine Panel B Det Abs 1, Human Cytokine Panel B Det Abs 2	HCYTB-1060-1, HCYTB-1060-2	 	<p>Warning. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause damage to organs Respiratory Tract through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe mist or vapours. Wash skin thoroughly after handling. Wear eye protection/ face protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention. Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.</p>
Serum Matrix	MXHSM-B	no symbol required	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	L-SAPE11 L-SAPE10		<p>Warning. Causes serious eye irritation. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.</p>

Technical Guidelines

To obtain reliable and reproducible results, the operator should carefully read this entire manual and fully understand all aspects of each assay step before running the assay. The following notes should be reviewed and understood before the assay is set up.

- FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.
- Do not use beyond the expiration date on the label.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or sources.
- The Antibody-Immobilized Beads are light sensitive and must be protected from light at all times. Cover the assay plate containing beads with opaque plate lid or aluminum foil during all incubation steps.
- It is important to allow all reagents to warm to room temperature (20-25 °C) before use in the assay.
- Incomplete washing can adversely affect the assay outcome. All washing must be performed with the Wash Buffer provided.
- The standards prepared by serial dilution must be used within 1 hour of preparation. Discard any unused standards except the standard stock which may be stored at ≤ -20 °C for 1 month and at ≤ -80 °C for greater than one month.
- If samples fall outside the dynamic range of the assay, further dilute the samples with the appropriate diluent and repeat the assay.
- Any unused mixed Antibody-Immobilized Beads may be stored in the Mixing Bottle at 2-8 °C for up to one month.
- During the preparation of the standard curve, make certain to mix the higher concentration well before making the next dilution. Use a new tip with each dilution.
- The plate should be read immediately after the assay is finished. If, however, the plate cannot be read immediately, seal the plate, cover with aluminum foil or an opaque lid, and store the plate at 2-8 °C for up to 24 hours. Prior to reading, agitate the plate on the plate shaker at room temperature for 10 minutes. Delay in reading a plate may result in decreased sensitivity for some analytes.
- The titer plate shaker should be set at a speed to provide maximum orbital mixing without splashing of liquid outside the wells. For the recommended plate shaker, this would be a setting of 5-7 which is approximately 500-800 rpm.
- Ensure that the needle probe is clean. This may be achieved by sonication and/or alcohol flushes.

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- When reading the assay on the Luminex® 200™ instrument, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex® to the kit solid plate or to the recommended filter plates using 3 alignment discs. When reading the assay on the MAGPIX® instrument, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex® to the kit solid plate or to the recommended filter plates using 2 alignment discs. When reading the assay on the FLEXMAP 3D® instrument, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex® to the kit solid plate using 1 alignment disc.
 - For the FLEXMAP 3D® instrument, when using the solid plate in the kit, the final resuspension should be with 150 µL Sheath Fluid PLUS in each well and 75 µL should be aspirated.
 - For the xMAP® INTELLIFLEX instrument, adjust probe height based on the type of plate you are using, place an alignment disk or an alignment sphere in the well according to the protocol recommended by Luminex®.
 - For cell culture supernatants or tissue extraction, use the culture or extraction medium as the matrix solution in background, standard curve and control wells. If samples are diluted in Assay Buffer, use the Assay Buffer as matrix.
 - For serum/plasma samples that require further dilution beyond “Neat”, use the Serum Matrix provided in the kit.
 - For cell/tissue homogenate, the final cell or tissue homogenate should be prepared in a buffer that has a neutral pH, contains minimal detergents or strong denaturing detergents, and has an ionic strength close to physiological concentration. Avoid debris, lipids, and cell/tissue aggregates. Centrifuge samples before use.
 - Vortex all reagents well before adding to plate.
 - Some analytes are temperature sensitive. Please use freshly thawed samples.

Sample Collection and Storage

Preparation of Serum Samples

- Allow the blood to clot for at least 30 minutes before centrifugation for 10 minutes at 1000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C.
- Avoid multiple (> 2) freeze/thaw cycles.
- When using frozen samples, it is recommended to thaw the samples completely, mix well by vortexing gently and centrifuge prior to use in the assay to remove particulates.
- Neat serum samples are used. When further dilution is required, use Serum Matrix as the diluent.

Preparation of Plasma Samples

- Plasma collection using EDTA as an anti-coagulant is recommended. Centrifuge for 10 minutes at 1000 x g within 30 minutes of blood collection. Remove plasma and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C.
- Avoid multiple (> 2) freeze/thaw cycles.
- When using frozen samples, it is recommended to thaw the samples completely, mix well by vortexing gently and centrifuge prior to use in the assay to remove particulates.
- Neat plasma samples are used. When further dilution is required, use Serum Matrix as the diluent.

Preparation of Tissue Culture Supernatant

- Centrifuge the sample to remove debris and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C.
- Avoid multiple (> 2) freeze/thaw cycles.
- Tissue culture supernatant may require a dilution with an appropriate control medium prior to assay. Tissue/cell extracts should be done in neutral buffers containing reagents and conditions that do not interfere with assay performance. Excess concentrations of detergent, salt, denaturants, high or low pH, etc. will negatively affect the assay. Organic solvents should be avoided. The tissue/cell extract samples should be free of particles such as cells or tissue debris.

Note:

- A maximum of 25 μ L per well of neat sample can be used.
- All samples must be stored in polypropylene tubes. **DO NOT STORE SAMPLES IN GLASS.**
- Avoid debris, lipids and cells when using samples with gross hemolysis or lipemia.
- Care must be taken when using heparin as an anti-coagulant since an excess of heparin will provide falsely high values. Use no more than 10 IU heparin per mL of blood collected.

Preparation of Reagents for Immunoassay

Preparation of Antibody-Immobilized Beads

- If premixed beads are used, sonicate the premixed bead bottle 30 seconds and then vortex for 1 minute before use.
- For individual vials of beads, sonicate each antibody-bead vial for 30 seconds; vortex for 1 minute. Add 60 μL from each antibody-bead vial to the Mixing Bottle and bring final volume to 3.0 mL with Bead Diluent. Vortex the mixed beads well. Unused portion may be stored at 2-8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to one month.
Note: Due to the composition of magnetic beads, you may notice a slight color in the bead solution. This does not affect the performance of the beads or the kit.

Example 1: When using 20 antibody-immobilized beads, add 60 μL from each of the 20 bead vials to the Mixing Bottle. Then add 1.8 mL Bead Diluent.

Example 2: When using 9 antibody-immobilized beads, add 60 μL from each of the 9 bead vials to the Mixing Bottle. Then add 2.46 mL Bead Diluent.

Preparation of Quality Controls

Before use, reconstitute Quality Control 1 and Quality Control 2 with 250 μL deionized water. Invert the vial several times to mix and vortex. Allow the vial to sit for 5-10 minutes. Transfer the reconstituted Quality Control 1 and Quality Control 2 into two polypropylene microfuge tubes. Unused portion may be stored at ≤ -20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to one month.

Preparation of Wash Buffer

Bring the 10X Wash Buffer to room temperature and mix to bring all salts into solution. Dilute 60 mL of 10X Wash Buffer with 540 mL deionized water. Store the unused portion at 2-8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to one month.

Preparation of Serum Matrix

This step is required for serum or plasma samples only.

Add 1 mL deionized water to the bottle containing lyophilized Serum Matrix. Mix well. Allow at least 10 minutes for complete reconstitution. Leftover reconstituted Serum Matrix should be stored at ≤ -20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to one month.

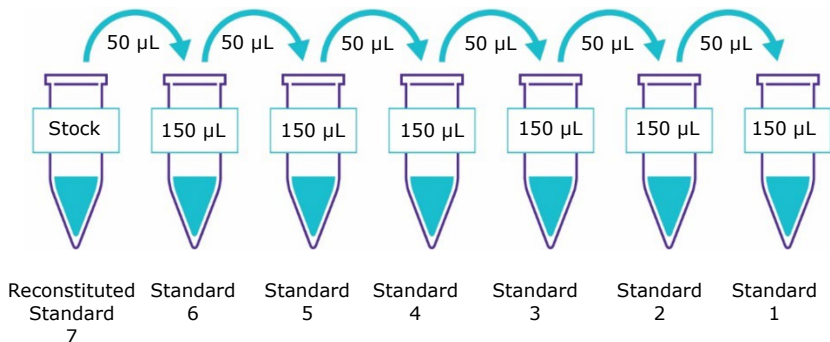
Preparation of Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Standard

1. Prior to use, reconstitute the Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Standard with 250 μL deionized water. Refer to table below for analyte concentrations. Invert the vial several times to mix. Vortex the vial for 10 seconds. Allow the vial to sit for 5-10 minutes. Transfer the reconstituted standard to a polypropylene microfuge tube. This will be used as Standard 7; the unused portion may be stored at ≤ -20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to one month.
2. Preparation of Working Standards
Label 6 polypropylene microfuge tubes Standard 1 through Standard 6. Add 150 μL of Assay Buffer to each of the 6 tubes. Prepare serial dilutions by adding 50 μL of the reconstituted standard to the Standard 6 tube, mix well and transfer 50 μL of Standard 6 to the Standard 5 tube, mix well and transfer 50 μL of Standard 5 to the Standard 4 tube, mix well and transfer 50 μL of Standard 4 to the Standard 3 tube, mix well and transfer 50 μL of Standard 3 to the Standard 2 tube, mix well and transfer 50 μL of Standard 2 to the Standard 1 tube and mix well. The 0 pg/mL standard (Background) will be Assay Buffer.

Standard No.	Add Deionized Water (μL)	Add Standard (volume)
Standard 7 (reconstituted standard)	250	0

Standard No.	Add Assay Buffer (μL)	Add Standard (volume)
Standard 6	150	50 μL of Standard 7
Standard 5	150	50 μL of Standard 6
Standard 4	150	50 μL of Standard 5
Standard 3	150	50 μL of Standard 4
Standard 2	150	50 μL of Standard 3
Standard 1	150	50 μL of Standard 2

Preparation of Standards



Standard	6Ckine (pg/mL)	BCA-1, MCP-4 (pg/mL)	sFas (ng/mL)	sFasL, IL-33 (pg/mL)
Standard 1	37	1.7	0.3	20
Standard 2	146	6.8	1.1	78
Standard 3	586	27	4.3	313
Standard 4	2,344	109	17	1,250
Standard 5	9,375	438	69	5,000
Standard 6	37,500	1,750	275	20,000
Standard 7	150,000	7,000	1,100	80,000

Standard	CTACK (pg/mL)	CXCL16, Eotaxin-3, IL-21, IL-28A (pg/mL)	ENA-78 (pg/mL)	GCP-2 (pg/mL)
Standard 1	3.7	4.9	3.1	0.9
Standard 2	15	20	12	3.4
Standard 3	59	78	49	14
Standard 4	234	313	195	55
Standard 5	938	1,250	781	219
Standard 6	3,750	5,000	3,125	875
Standard 7	15,000	20,000	12,500	3,500

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Standard	sCD137, APRIL, Granzyme A, Eotaxin-2, IFNβ, IFNω, IL-11, IL-31, LIF, TRAIL (pg/mL)	BAFF (pg/mL)	IL-16, IL-34, MIP-1δ (pg/mL)	CCL28 (pg/mL)
Standard 1	2.4	13	10	61
Standard 2	10	54	39	244
Standard 3	39	215	156	977
Standard 4	156	859	625	3,906
Standard 5	625	3,438	2,500	15,625
Standard 6	2,500	13,750	10,000	62,500
Standard 7	10,000	55,000	40,000	250,000

Standard	IL-35, SCF, SDF-1, TPO (pg/mL)	HMGB1 (pg/mL)	I-309 (pg/mL)	Granzyme B (pg/mL)
Standard 1	12	134	1.5	1.8
Standard 2	49	537	5.9	7.3
Standard 3	195	2,148	23	29
Standard 4	781	8,594	94	117
Standard 5	3,125	34,375	375	469
Standard 6	12,500	137,500	1,500	1,875
Standard 7	50,000	550,000	6,000	7,500

Standard	IL-23, IL-24 (pg/mL)	IL-20 (pg/mL)	IL-29 (pg/mL)	Lymphotoctin (pg/mL)
Standard 1	24	15	6.1	7.3
Standard 2	98	59	24	29
Standard 3	391	234	98	117
Standard 4	1,563	938	391	469
Standard 5	6,250	3,750	1,563	1,875
Standard 6	25,000	15,000	6,250	7,500
Standard 7	100,000	60,000	25,000	30,000

Standard	MCP-2 (pg/mL)	MIP-3α (pg/mL)	I-TAC, MIP-3β (pg/mL)	MPIF-1 (pg/mL)
Standard 1	0.2	0.6	1.2	1.0
Standard 2	1.0	2.4	4.9	3.9
Standard 3	3.9	10	20	16
Standard 4	16	39	78	63
Standard 5	63	156	313	250
Standard 6	250	625	1,250	1,000
Standard 7	1,000	2,500	5,000	4,000

Standard	TARC (pg/mL)	TSLP (pg/mL)	Perforin (pg/mL)
Standard 1	0.8	0.5	18
Standard 2	3.2	2.0	73
Standard 3	13	7.8	293
Standard 4	51	31	1,172
Standard 5	203	125	4,688
Standard 6	813	500	18,750
Standard 7	3,250	2,000	75,000

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Immunoassay Procedure

- Prior to beginning this assay, it is imperative to read this protocol completely and to thoroughly understand the Technical Guidelines.
- Allow all reagents to warm to room temperature (20-25 °C) before use in the assay.
- Diagram the placement of Standards 0 (Background), Standard 1 through 7, Controls 1 and 2, and Samples on Well Map Worksheet in a vertical configuration.

Note: Most instruments will only read the 96-well plate vertically by default. It is recommended to run the assay in duplicate.

1. Add 200 μ L of Wash Buffer into each well of the plate. Seal and mix on a plate shaker for 10 minutes at room temperature (20-25 °C).
2. Decant Wash Buffer and remove the residual amount from all wells by inverting the plate and tapping it smartly onto absorbent towels several times.
3. Add 25 μ L of each Standard or Control into the appropriate wells. Assay Buffer should be used for 0 pg/mL standard (Background).
4. Add 25 μ L of Assay Buffer to the sample wells.
5. Add 25 μ L of appropriate matrix solution to the background, standards, and control wells. When assaying serum or plasma, use the Serum Matrix provided in the kit. When assaying tissue culture or other supernatant, use proper control culture medium as the matrix solution.
6. Add 25 μ L of Sample (neat serum or plasma samples) into the appropriate wells.
7. Vortex Mixing Bottle and add 25 μ L of the Mixed or Premixed Beads to each well.
Note: During addition of Beads, shake bead bottle intermittently to avoid settling.
8. Seal the plate with a plate sealer. Wrap the plate with foil and incubate with agitation on a plate shaker overnight (16-18 hours) at 2-8 °C. Alternatively, incubate for 2 hours at room temperature (20-25 °C). *An overnight incubation may improve assay sensitivity for some analytes.*

Add 200 μ L Wash Buffer per well




Shake 10 min, RT
Decant

- Add 25 μ L Standard or Control to appropriate wells
- Add 25 μ L Assay Buffer to background and sample wells
- Add 25 μ L appropriate matrix solution to background, standards, and control wells
- Add 25 μ L neat or diluted Samples to sample wells
- Add 25 μ L Beads to each well




Incubate overnight (16-18 hours) at 2-8 °C or 2 hours at RT with shaking

9. Gently remove well contents and wash plate 3 times following instructions listed in the Plate Washing section.
10. Add 25 μ L of Detection Antibodies into each well.
(**Note:** Allow the Detection Antibodies to warm to room temperature prior to addition.)
11. Seal, cover with foil and incubate with agitation on a plate shaker for 1 hour at room temperature (20-25 $^{\circ}$ C). **DO NOT ASPIRATE AFTER INCUBATION.**
12. Add 25 μ L Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin to each well containing the 25 μ L of Detection Antibodies.
13. Seal, cover with foil and incubate with agitation on a plate shaker for 30 minutes at room temperature (20-25 $^{\circ}$ C).
14. Gently remove well contents and wash plate 3 times following instructions listed in the Plate Washing section.
15. Add 150 μ L of Sheath Fluid PLUS (or Drive Fluid PLUS if using MAGPIX[®]) to all wells. Resuspend the beads on a plate shaker for 5 minutes.
16. Run plate on Luminex[®] 200™, HTS, FLEXMAP 3D[®], MAGPIX[®] instrument with xPONENT[®] software or xMAP[®] INTELLIFLEX instrument with INTELLIFLEX software.
17. Save and analyze the Median Fluorescent Intensity (MFI) data using a 5-parameter logistic or spline curve-fitting method for calculating analyte concentrations in samples.
(**Note:** For diluted samples, final sample concentrations should be multiplied by the dilution factor.)



Remove well contents and wash 3X with 200 μ L Wash Buffer


Add 25 μ L Detection Antibodies per well



Incubate 1 hour at RT

Do Not Aspirate

Add 25 μ L Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin per well



Incubate for 30 minutes at RT

Remove well contents and wash 3X with 200 μ L Wash Buffer

Add 150 μ L Sheath Fluid PLUS or Drive Fluid PLUS per well

Read on Luminex[®] (100 μ L, 50 beads per bead set)

Plate Washing

If using a solid plate, use either a handheld magnet or magnetic plate washer.

- Handheld magnet (Cat. No. 40-285)
Rest plate on magnet for 60 seconds to allow complete settling of magnetic beads. Remove well contents by gently decanting the plate in an appropriate waste receptacle and gently tapping on absorbent pads to remove residual liquid. Wash plate with 200 μ L of Wash Buffer by removing plate from magnet, adding Wash Buffer, shaking for 30 seconds, reattaching to magnet, letting beads settle for 60 seconds and removing well contents as previously described after each wash. Repeat wash steps as recommended in Assay Procedure.
- Magnetic plate washer (Cat. No. 40-094, 40-095, 40-096 and 40-097)
Please refer to specific automatic plate washer manual for appropriate equipment settings. Please note that after the final aspiration, there will be approximately 25 μ L of residual wash buffer in each well. This is expected when using the BioTek® plate washer and this volume does not need to be aspirated from the plate.

If using an automatic plate washer other than BioTek® 405 LS or 405 TS, please refer to the manufacturer's recommendations for programming instructions.

Equipment Settings

Luminex® 200™, HTS, FLEXMAP 3D®, MAGPIX® instruments with xPONENT® software and xMAP® INTELLIFLEX instrument with INTELLIFLEX software:

These specifications are for the above listed instruments and software. Luminex® instruments with other software (for example, MasterPlex®, StarStation, LiquiChip, Bio-Plex® Manager™, LABScan™100) would need to follow instrument instructions for gate settings and additional specifications from the vendors for reading Luminex® magnetic beads.

For magnetic bead assays, each instrument must be calibrated, and performance verified with the indicated calibration and verification kits.

Instrument	Calibration Kit	Verification Kit
Luminex® 200™ and HTS	xPONENT® 3.1 compatible Calibration Kit (Cat. No. LX2R-CAL-K25)	Performance Verification Kit (Cat. No. LX2R-PVER-K25)
FLEXMAP 3D®	FLEXMAP 3D® Calibrator Kit (Cat. No. F3D-CAL-K25)	FLEXMAP 3D® Performance Verification Kit (Cat. No. F3D-PVER-K25)
xMAP® INTELLIFLEX	xMAP® INTELLIFLEX Calibration Kit (Cat. No. IFX-CAL-K20)	xMAP® INTELLIFLEX Performance Verification Kit (Cat. No. IFX-PVER-K20)
MAGPIX®	MAGPIX® Calibration Kit (Cat. No. MPX-CAL-K25)	MAGPIX® Performance Verification Kit (Cat. No. MPX-PVER-K25)

Note: When setting up a Protocol using the xPONENT® software, you must select MagPlex® as the Bead Type in the Acquisition settings.

Note: These assays cannot be run on any instruments using Luminex® IS 2.3 or Luminex® 1.7 software.

The Luminex® probe height must be adjusted to the plate provided in the kit. Please use Cat. No. MAG-PLATE, if additional plates are required for this purpose.

Events	50, per bead
Sample Size	100 μ L
Gate Settings	8,000 to 15,000
Reporter Gain	Default (low PMT)
Time Out	60 seconds

Bead Set	Customizable 48-plex Beads		
6CKine	12	IL-20	44
BCA-1	13	IL-24	45
sFas	14	IL-28A	46
sFasL	15	IL-31	47
sCD137	18	IL-29	48
APRIL	19	IL-33	51
BAFF	20	IL-21	52
IL-16	21	IL-34	53
CCL28	22	LIF	54
CTACK	25	Lymphotoctin	55
CXCL16	26	MCP-2	56
ENA-78	27	MCP-4	57
Granzyme A	28	MIP-1 δ	61
Eotaxin-2	29	MIP-3 α	62
Eotaxin-3	30	I-TAC	63
IL-35	33	MIP-3 β	64
GCP-2	34	MPIF-1	65
HMGB1	35	SCF	66
I-309	36	SDF-1	67
Granzyme B	37	TARC	72
IFN β	38	TPO	73
IFN ω	39	TRAIL	74
IL-11	42	TSLP	75
IL-23	43	Perforin	78

Quality Controls

The ranges for each analyte in Quality Control 1 and 2 are provided on the card insert or can be located at our website SigmaAldrich.com using the catalogue number as the keyword.

Assay Characteristics

Cross-Reactivity

There was no or negligible cross-reactivity between the antibodies for an analyte and any of the other analytes in this panel.

Assay Sensitivities (minimum detectable concentrations, pg/mL)

Minimum Detectable Concentration (MinDC) is calculated using MILLIPLEX® Analyst 5.1. It measures the true limits of detection for an assay by mathematically determining what the empirical MinDC would be if an infinite number of standard concentrations were run for the assay under the same conditions.

Analyte	Overnight Protocol (n = 11 Assays)		2 Hour Protocol (n = 3 Assays)	
	MinDC (pg/mL)	MinDC+2SD (pg/mL)	MinDC (pg/mL)	MinDC+2SD (pg/mL)
6CKine	33.38	50.44	131.20	301.15
BCA-1	0.16	0.51	0.15	0.62
sFas (ng/mL)	0.10	0.42	0.02	0.03
sFasL	4.54	9.21	0.05	0.07
sCD137	0.22	1.03	0.02	0.04
APRIL	0.34	0.80	0.28	1.18
BAFF	3.49	5.38	4.29	6.34
IL-16	1.18	3.23	0.98	2.61
CCL28	14.51	40.21	9.62	23.10
CTACK	4.17	6.81	3.38	7.56
CXCL16	3.67	6.73	7.48	28.36
ENA-78	1.04	2.20	0.60	1.32
Granzyme A	0.44	1.24	0.13	0.56
Eotaxin-2	1.14	2.12	2.33	5.63
Eotaxin-3	0.60	1.41	0.64	2.80
IL-35	1.77	5.60	2.68	7.90
GCP-2	0.34	0.47	0.21	0.37
HMGB1	64.86	122.59	49.06	131.95
I-309	0.56	1.47	0.15	0.40
Granzyme B	0.58	1.52	0.02	0.03
IFN β	0.64	1.03	1.70	5.27
IFN ω	1.83	3.97	1.35	3.95

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Analyte	Overnight Protocol (n = 11 Assays)		2 Hour Protocol (n = 3 Assays)	
	MinDC (pg/mL)	MinDC+2SD (pg/mL)	MinDC (pg/mL)	MinDC+2SD (pg/mL)
IL-11	0.61	0.96	0.72	1.15
IL-23	4.99	14.63	1.77	7.36
IL-20	2.14	6.15	0.53	1.02
IL-24	4.20	10.65	0.98	2.97
IL-28A	4.40	5.45	4.76	10.31
IL-31	0.17	0.55	0.19	0.75
IL-29	3.34	7.69	2.18	3.56
IL-33	3.32	7.78	0.53	0.81
IL-21	0.69	2.76	1.11	3.03
IL-34	0.92	3.22	1.30	2.49
LIF	0.63	2.16	0.32	0.91
Lymphotactin	4.91	7.85	14.75	40.37
MCP-2	0.05	0.10	0.03	0.09
MCP-4	1.95	4.38	1.39	2.95
MIP-1δ	7.52	10.87	7.40	8.65
MIP-3α	0.10	0.22	0.02	0.06
I-TAC	0.24	0.42	0.15	0.39
MIP-3β	0.14	0.53	0.12	0.36
MPIF-1	0.23	0.32	0.02	0.03
SCF	6.15	12.46	9.50	23.84
SDF-1	6.03	11.05	7.72	11.29
TARC	0.78	2.14	1.30	2.29
TPO	2.57	4.11	1.42	5.71
TRAIL	0.53	2.08	0.02	0.03
TSLP	0.14	0.36	0.29	1.07
Perforin	3.32	5.29	2.93	5.73

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Precision

Intra-assay precision is generated from the mean of the %CVs from 16 reportable results across two different concentrations of analytes in a single assay. Inter-assay precision is generated from the mean of the %CVs across two different concentrations of analytes across 6 different assays.

Analyte	Overnight Protocol		2-Hour Protocol
	Intra-assay %CV	Inter-assay %CV	Intra-assay %CV
6CKine	<10	<20	<10
BCA-1	<15	<20	<10
sFas	<10	<20	<10
sFasL	<10	<20	<10
sCD137	<10	<20	<10
APRIL	<10	<20	<10
BAFF	<10	<20	<10
IL-16	<10	<20	<10
CCL28	<10	<20	<15
CTACK	<10	<20	<10
CXCL16	<15	<20	<10
ENA-78	<10	<20	<10
Granzyme A	<10	<20	<10
Eotaxin-2	<10	<20	<10
Eotaxin-3	<10	<20	<10
IL-35	<10	<20	<10
GCP-2	<15	<20	<15
HMGB1	<10	<20	<10
I-309	<10	<20	<15
Granzyme B	<10	<20	<10
IFN β	<10	<20	<10
IFN ω	<10	<20	<10
IL-11	<10	<20	<10
IL-23	<10	<20	<10
IL-20	<10	<20	<10
IL-24	<10	<20	<10
IL-28A	<10	<20	<10

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Analyte	Overnight Protocol		2-Hour Protocol
	Intra-assay %CV	Inter-assay %CV	Intra-assay %CV
IL-31	<10	<20	<10
IL-29	<10	<20	<10
IL-33	<10	<20	<10
IL-21	<10	<20	<10
IL-34	<10	<20	<10
LIF	<10	<20	<10
Lymphotactin	<10	<20	<10
MCP-2	<10	<20	<10
MCP-4	<10	<20	<10
MIP-1 δ	<10	<20	<10
MIP-3 α	<10	<20	<10
I-TAC	<10	<20	<10
MIP-3 β	<10	<20	<10
MPIF-1	<10	<20	<10
SCF	<10	<20	<10
SDF-1	<10	<20	<10
TARC	<10	<20	<10
TPO	<10	<20	<10
TRAIL	<10	<20	<10
TSLP	<10	<20	<10
Perforin	<10	<20	<10

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Accuracy

Spike Recovery: The data represent mean percent recovery of spiked standards ranging from low, medium, and high concentration in serum matrices (n=6).

Analyte	Overnight Protocol	2-Hour Protocol
	% Recovery in Serum Matrix	% Recovery in Serum Matrix
6CKine	94%	89%
BCA-1	90%	87%
sFas	89%	83%
sFasL	90%	90%
sCD137	93%	92%
APRIL	93%	90%
BAFF	94%	93%
IL-16	87%	86%
CCL28	89%	84%
CTACK	95%	93%
CXCL16	81%	80%
ENA-78	91%	90%
Granzyme A	92%	92%
Eotaxin-2	91%	89%
Eotaxin-3	92%	86%
IL-35	89%	88%
GCP-2	95%	92%
HMGB1	91%	103%
I-309	91%	91%
Granzyme B	92%	90%
IFN β	95%	96%
IFN ω	93%	88%
IL-11	88%	87%
IL-23	86%	91%
IL-20	90%	89%
IL-24	92%	89%
IL-28A	94%	92%
IL-31	86%	84%

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Analyte	Overnight Protocol	2-Hour Protocol
	% Recovery in Serum Matrix	% Recovery in Serum Matrix
IL-29	97%	94%
IL-33	94%	87%
IL-21	91%	90%
IL-34	95%	96%
LIF	89%	88%
Lymphotactin	97%	96%
MCP-2	91%	93%
MCP-4	92%	90%
MIP-1 δ	95%	92%
MIP-3 α	92%	91%
I-TAC	89%	88%
MIP-3 β	99%	92%
MPIF-1	91%	90%
SCF	88%	85%
SDF-1	98%	94%
TARC	90%	89%
TPO	89%	86%
TRAIL	95%	92%
TSLP	91%	89%
Perforin	91%	89%

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Troubleshooting

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
	Plate washer aspirate height set too low	Adjust aspiration height according to manufacturers' instructions.
	Bead mix prepared inappropriately	Sonicate bead vials and vortex just prior to adding to bead mix bottle according to protocol. Agitate bead mix intermittently in reservoir while pipetting this into the plate.
	Samples cause interference due to particulate matter or viscosity	See above. Also sample probe may need to be cleaned with alcohol flushes, back flushes and washes; or if needed, probe should be removed and sonicated.
Insufficient bead count	Probe height not adjusted correctly	When reading the assay on the Luminex® 200™ instrument, adjust probe height to the kit solid plate using 3 alignment discs. When reading the assay on the MAGPIX® instrument, adjust probe height to the kit solid plate using 2 alignment discs. When reading the assay on the FLEXMAP 3D® instrument, adjust probe height to the kit solid plate using 1 alignment disc. When reading the assay on the xMAP® INTELLIFLEX instrument, adjust probe height based on the type of plate you are using, place an alignment disk or an alignment sphere in the well according to the protocol recommended by Luminex®.
	Background wells were contaminated	Avoid cross-well contamination by using sealer appropriately and pipetting with multichannel pipettes without touching reagent in plate.
Background is too high	Matrix used has endogenous analyte or interference	Check matrix ingredients for cross-reacting components (for example, interleukin modified tissue culture medium).
	Insufficient washes	Increase number of washes.

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Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Beads not in region or gate	Luminex® instrument not calibrated correctly or recently	Calibrate Luminex® instrument based on manufacturer's instructions, at least once a week or if temperature has changed by > 3 °C.
	Gate settings not adjusted correctly	Some Luminex® instruments (for example, Bio-Plex®) require different gate settings than those described in the kit protocol. Use instrument default settings.
	Wrong bead regions in protocol template	Check kit protocol for correct bead regions or analyte selection.
	Incorrect sample type used	Samples containing organic solvents or if highly viscous should be diluted or dialyzed as required.
	Instrument not washed or primed	Prime the Luminex® instrument 4 times to rid it of air bubbles, wash 4 times with sheath fluid or water if there is any remnant alcohol or sanitizing liquid.
	Beads were exposed to light	Keep plate and bead mix covered with dark lid or aluminum foil during all incubation steps.
Signal for whole plate is same as background	Incorrect or no Detection Antibody was added	Add appropriate Detection Antibody and continue.
	Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin was not added	Add Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin according to protocol. If Detection Antibody has already been removed, sensitivity may be low.

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Low signal for standard curve	Detection Antibody may have been removed prior to adding Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	May need to repeat assay if desired sensitivity not achieved.
	Incubations done at inappropriate temperatures, timings or agitation	Assay conditions need to be checked.
Signals too high, standard curves are saturated	Calibration target value set too high	With some Luminex [®] instruments (for example, Bio-Plex [®]) default target setting for RP1 calibrator is set at high PMT. Use low target value for calibration and reanalyze plate.
	Plate incubation was too long with standard curve and samples	Use shorter incubation time.
Sample readings are out of range	Samples contain no or below detectable levels of analyte	If below detectable levels, it may be possible to use higher sample volume. Check with technical support for appropriate protocol modifications.
	Samples contain analyte concentrations higher than highest standard point	Samples may require dilution and reanalysis for just that particular analyte.
	Standard curve was saturated at higher end of curve	See above.

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
High variation in samples and/or standards	Multichannel pipette may not be calibrated	Calibrate pipettes.
	Plate washing was not uniform	Confirm all reagents are removed completely in all wash steps.
	Samples may have high particulate matter or other interfering substances	See above.
	Plate agitation was insufficient	Plate should be agitated during all incubation steps using an orbital plate shaker at a speed where beads are in constant motion without causing splashing.
	Cross-well contamination	Check when reusing plate sealer that no reagent has touched sealer. Care should be taken when using same pipette tips that are used for reagent additions and that pipette tip does not touch reagent in plate.

Product Ordering

Products are available to order online at [SigmaAldrich.com](https://www.sigmaaldrich.com).

Reagents

Description		Cat. No.
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Standard	For configurable kit	HCYTB-8060-1
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Standard	For 38- or 48-plex or configurable kit	HCYTB-8060-2
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Quality Controls 1 and 2	For configurable kit	HCYTB-6060-1
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Quality Controls 1 and 2	For 38- or 48-plex or configurable kit	HCYTB-6060-2
Serum Matrix	-	MXHSM-B
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Detection Antibodies	For configurable kit	HCYTB-1060-1
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B Detection Antibodies	For 38- or 48-plex or configurable kit	HCYTB-1060-2
Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	For configurable kit	L-SAPE10
Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	For 38- or 48-plex or configurable kit	L-SAPE11
Assay Buffer	-	L-AB
Set of two 96-Well plates with sealers	-	MAG-PLATE
10X Wash Buffer	-	L-WB

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Description		Cat. No.
Bead Diluent	-	LBD
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 38-Plex Premixed Beads*	-	HCYTBPMX38-MG
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 48-Plex Premixed Beads*	-	HCYTBPMX48-MG
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 38 Plex Premixed Magnetic Bead Panel	-	HCYTB-60K-PX38
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 48 Plex Premixed Magnetic Bead Panel	-	HCYTB-60K-PX48
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 38 Plex Premixed Magnetic Bead Panel	Bulk Packaging	HCYTB-60K-PXBK38
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 48 Plex Premixed Magnetic Bead Panel	Bulk Packaging	HCYTB-60K-PXBK48
Human Cytokine Panel A + B 76-Plex Combo Pack		HCYTPAB-76SK
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 38 Plex Premixed Magnetic Bead Panel (in Combo Pack)		HCYTPB-76K
Human Cytokine Panel A + B 96-Plex Combo Pack		HCYTPAB-96SK
Human Cytokine/Chemokine/Growth Factor Panel B 48 Plex Premixed Magnetic Bead Panel (in Combo Pack)		HCYTPB-96K

* For individual beads, see page 38.

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Antibody-Immobilized Magnetic Beads

Analyte	Bead No.	Cat. No.	Analyte	Bead No.	Cat. No.
6CKine	12	H6CKINE-MG	IL-20	44	HIL20-MG
BCA-1	13	HBCA1-MG	IL-24	45	HIL24-MG
sFas	14	HSFAS-MG	IL-28A	46	HIL28A-MG
sFasL	15	HSFASL-MG	IL-31	47	HIL31-MG
sCD137	18	HSCD137-MG	IL-29	48	HIL29-MG
APRIL	19	HAPRIL-MG	IL-33	51	HIL33-MG
BAFF	20	HBAFF-MG	IL-21	52	HIL21-MG
IL-16	21	HIL16-MG	IL-34	53	HIL34-MG
CCL28	22	HCCL28-MG	LIF	54	HLIF-MG
CTACK	25	HCTACK-MG	Lymphotactin	55	HLTCTN-MG
CXCL16	26	HCXCL16-MG	MCP-2	56	HMCP2-MG
ENA-78	27	HENA78-MG	MCP-4	57	HMCP4-MG
Granzyme A	28	HGRNZMA-MG	MIP-1δ	61	HMIP1D-MG
Eotaxin-2	29	HETXN2-MG	MIP-3α	62	HMIP3A-MG
Eotaxin-3	30	HETXN3-MG	I-TAC	63	HITAC-MG
IL-35	33	HIL35-MG	MIP-3β	64	HMIP3B-MG
GCP-2	34	HGCP2-MG	MPIF-1	65	HMPIF1-MG
HMGB1	35	HHMGB1-MG	SCF	66	HSCF-MG
I-309	36	HI309-MG	SDF-1	67	HSDF1-MG
Granzyme B	37	HGRNZMB-MG	TARC	72	HTARC-MG
IFNβ	38	HIFNB-MG	TPO	73	HTPO-MG
IFNω	39	HIFNW-MG	TRAIL	74	HTRAIL-MG
IL-11	42	HIL11-MG	TSLP	75	HTSLP-MG
IL-23	43	HIL23-MG	Perforin	78	HPRFRN-MG

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Analyte Contents of Select Reagents

Analyte/ Bead Name	Luminex® Magnetic Bead Region	Customizable 48 Analytes (50X concentration, 90 µL)		HCYTBPMX38-MG (38-Plex Premixed Beads)	HCYTBPMX48-MG (48-Plex Premixed Beads)	HCYTB-8060-1 (30-plex Standard Mix)	HCYTB-8060-2 (48-plex Standard Mix)	HCYTB-1060-1 (30-plex Detection Mix) with L-SAPE10	HCYTB-1060-2 (48-plex Detection Mix) with L-SAPE-11
		Available	Catalog Number						
6CKine	12	✓	H6CKINE-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
BCA-1	13	✓	HBCA1-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
sFas	14	✓	HSFAS-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
sFasL	15	✓	HSFASL-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
sCD137	18	✓	HSCD137-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
APRIL	19	✓	HAPRIL-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BAFF	20	✓	HBAFF-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-16	21	✓	HIL16-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
CCL28	22	✓	HCCL28-MG		✓		✓		✓
CTACK	25	✓	HCTACK-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
CXCL16	26	✓	HCXCL16-MG		✓		✓		✓
ENA-78	27	✓	HENA78-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Granzyme A	28	✓	HGRNZMA-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eotaxin-2	29	✓	HETXN2-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eotaxin-3	30	✓	HETXN3-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-35	33	✓	HIL35-MG		✓		✓		✓
GCP-2	34	✓	HGCP2-MG		✓		✓		✓

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		Available	Catalog Number						
HMGB1	35	✓	HHMGB1-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
I-309	36	✓	HI309-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
Granzyme B	37	✓	HGRNZMB-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IFNβ	38	✓	HIFNB-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IFNω	39	✓	HIFNW-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
IL-11	42	✓	HIL11-MG		✓		✓		✓
IL-23	43	✓	HIL23-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-20	44	✓	HIL20-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-24	45	✓	HIL24-MG		✓		✓		✓
IL-28A	46	✓	HIL28A-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-31	47	✓	HIL31-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-29	48	✓	HIL29-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-33	51	✓	HIL33-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-21	52	✓	HIL21-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL-34	53	✓	HIL34-MG		✓		✓		✓
LIF	54	✓	HLIF-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
Lymphotactin	55	✓	HLTCTN-MG		✓		✓		✓
MCP-2	56	✓	HMCP2-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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		Available	Catalog Number						
MCP-4	57	✓	HMCP4-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MIP-1δ	61	✓	HMIP1D-MG	✓	✓		✓		✓
MIP-3α	62	✓	HMIP3A-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
I-TAC	63	✓	HITAC-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MIP-3β	64	✓	HMIP3B-MG		✓		✓		✓
MPIF-1	65	✓	HMPIF1-MG		✓		✓		✓
SCF	66	✓	HSCF-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SDF-1	67	✓	HSDF1-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TARC	72	✓	HTARC-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TPO	73	✓	HTPO-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TRAIL	74	✓	HTRAIL-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TSLP	75	✓	HTSLP-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Perforin	78	✓	HPRFRN-MG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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A	Standard 0 (Background)	Standard 4	QC-1 Control	Etc.								
B	Standard 0 (Background)	Standard 4	QC-1 Control									
C	Standard 1	Standard 5	QC-2 Control									
D	Standard 1	Standard 5	QC-2 Control									
E	Standard 2	Standard 6	Sample 1									
F	Standard 2	Standard 6	Sample 1									
G	Standard 3	Standard 7	Sample 2									
H	Standard 3	Standard 7	Sample 2									

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