

LEGENDplex™ Multi-Analyte Flow Assay Kit

Human Adhesion Molecule Panel Mix and Match Subpanel

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Chapter 1: KIT DESCRIPTION

Introduction

Cell adhesion molecules are surface proteins that mediate interactions both between cells, and between cells and the extracellular matrix. These molecules can be grouped into four super-families: immunoglobulin-like adhesion molecules, integrins, cadherins, and selectins. Adhesion molecules are essential for many biological processes such as embryonic development, cell migration, contact inhibition, tissue architecture, and leukocyte transmigration. Under pathologic conditions, aberrant modulation of extracellular matrix remodeling by adhesion molecules has been associated with fibrosis and inflammation, as well as tumor cell invasiveness and metastasis.

TheLEGENDplex[™] Human Adhesion Molecule Panel (13-plex) contains fluorescence-encoded beads suitable for use on common flow cytometers. It allows for the simultaneous quantification of 13 key adhesion molecules including ICAM-1 (CD54), ICAM-2 (CD102), ICAM-3 (CD50), VCAM-1 (CD106), PECAM-1 (CD31), ALCAM-1 (CD166), EpCAM (CD326), NCAM (CD56), E-selectin, P-selectin, L-selectin, PSGL-1, and CD44. This assay panel provides higher detection sensitivity and broader dynamic range than traditional ELISA methods. The panel has been validated for use on cell culture supernatant, serum, and plasma samples.

The Human Adhesion Molecule Panel is designed to allow flexible customization within the panel. Please visit **www.biolegend.com/legendplex** for more information on panel design and how to mix and match within the panel.

This assay is for research use only

Principle of the Assay

BioLegend's LEGENDplex[™] assays are bead-based immunoassays that use the same basic principle as sandwich immunoassays.

Beads are differentiated by size and internal fluorescence intensities. The surface of each bead set is first conjugated with specific antibodies, and then used as capture beads for that particular analyte. When a selected panel of capture beads are mixed and incubated with a sample containing target analytes, each analyte will bind to its specific capture beads. After washing, a biotinylated detection antibody cocktail is added, and each detection antibody in the cocktail will bind to its specific analyte bound on the capture beads, thus forming capture bead-analyte-detection antibody sandwiches. Streptavidin-phycoerythrin (SA-PE) is subsequently added, which will bind to the biotinylated detection antibodies, providing fluorescent signal intensities in proportion to the amount of bound analytes.

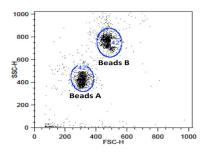
Since the beads are differentiated by size and internal fluorescence intensity on a flow cytometer, analyte-specific populations can be segregated and PE fluorescent signal quantified. The concentration of a particular analyte is determined using a standard curve generated in the same assay.

Beads Usage

The Human Adhesion Molecule Panel uses two sets of beads. Each set has a unique size that can be identified based on their forward scatter (FSC) and side scatter (SSC) profiles (Beads A and Beads B, Figure 1). Each bead set can be further resolved based on their internal fluorescence intensities. The internal dye can be detected using either the FL3, FL4, or APC channels, depending on the type of flow cytometer used. The smaller A Beads consists of 6 bead populations and the larger B Beads consists of 7 bead populations (Figure 2-3).

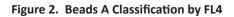
Using a total of 13 bead populations distinguished by size and internal fluorescent dye, the Human Adhesion Molecule Panel allows simultaneous detection of 13 proteins in a single sample. Each analyte is associated with a particular bead set as indicated (Figures 2-3 and Table 1).

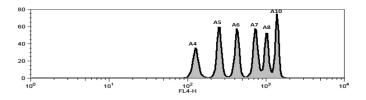
Figure 1. Beads Differentiated by Size

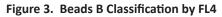


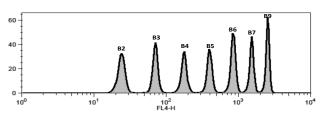
Beads A = smaller beads

Beads B = larger beads









For Beads usage in the full panel, please refer to Table 1 below.

Table 1. Panel Targets and Bead ID*

Target	Bead ID	Human Adhesion Molecule Panel (13-plex)	Mix & Match	Top Standard Concentrations	
		Cat. # 740945 or 740946]	concentrations	
CD44	A4	V			
ICAM-1	A5	V			
ICAM-2	A6	V		The top standard	
PSGL-1	A7	V		concentration of	
NCAM	A8	v		each target may	
ALCAM	A10	V		vary and may subject to change from lot to lot. Please refer to the lot-specific Certifi- cate of Analysis	
VCAM-1	B2	V			
E-selectin	B3	v			
PECAM-1	B4	V			
P-selectin	B5	V		for this	
EpCAM	B6	V		information.	
ICAM-3	B7	V			
L-selectin	В9	V			

Bead ID is used to associate a bead population to a particular analyte when using the LEGENDplex[™] data analysis software program. For further information regarding the use of the program please visit **biolegend.com/**en-us/legendplex.

Storage Information

Recommended storage for all original kit components is between 2°C and 8°C. DO NOT FREEZE Pre-mixed Beads, Detection Antibodies or SA-PE.

- Once the standards have been sufficiently reconstituted, immediately transfer contents into polypropylene vials. DO NOT STORE RECONSTITUT-ED STANDARDS IN GLASS VIALS.
- Upon reconstitution, leftover top standard should be stored at ≤-70°C for use within one month. Avoid multiple (>2) freeze-thaw cycles. Discard any leftover diluted standards.

Materials Supplied

The LEGENDplex[™] kit contains reagents for 100 tests, listed in the table below. When assayed in duplicate, this is enough for an 8-point standard curve and 40 samples.

For the Mix and Match Subpanels, individual beads are provided at 13X concentration. The Buffer Set contains Setup Beads, all Buffers, Plate Sealers, Matrix, and SA-PE.

Table 2: The LEGENDplex [™] Kit Human Adhesion Molecule Mix & Match Suk)-
panel Kit Components	

Kit Components	Quantity	Volume	Part #
Capture Beads (see below Table 3 for more information)	Varies	Varies	Varies
Human Adhesion Molecule Panel Detection Antibodies	1 bottle	3.3 mL	740947
Human Adhesion Molecule Panel Standard	1 vial	Lyophilized	740948
LEGENDplex [™] Buffer Set G (see below Table 4 for more information)	1		740539
Filter Plate* or V-bottom Plate**	1 plate		740377* or 740379**

* For kit with filter plate. ** For kit with V-bottom plate. Only one plate is provided for each kit.

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Kit Components	Quantity	Volume	Cat.#
LEGENDplex™ Human CD44 Capture Bead A4, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740949
LEGENDplex [™] Human ICAM-1 Capture Bead A5, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740950
LEGENDplex [™] Human ICAM-2 Capture Bead A6, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740951
LEGENDplex™ Human PSGL-1 Capture Bead A7, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740898
LEGENDplex [™] Human NCAM Capture Bead A8, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740952
LEGENDplex [™] Human ALCAM Capture Bead A10, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740953
LEGENDplex [™] Human VCAM-1 Capture Bead B2, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740954
LEGENDplex™ Human E-selectin Capture Bead B3, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740955
LEGENDplex [™] Human PECAM-1 Capture Bead B4, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740956
LEGENDplex™ Human P-selectin Capture Bead B5, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740957
LEGENDplex [™] Human EpCAM Capture Bead B6, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740958
LEGENDplex [™] Human ICAM-3 Capture Bead B7, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740959
LEGENDplex™ Human L-selectin Capture Bead B9, 13X	1 vial	270 μL	740960

Table 3: Capture Beads for Mix and Match Subpanels***

*** Please refer to **Panel Targets and Bead ID (Table 1, page 5)**, to see which capture beads are selected in each panel.

Table 4: LEGENDplex[™] Buffer Set G (Cat#: 740539)

Components	Quantity	Volume	Part #
Setup Beads: PE Beads	1 vial	1 mL	77842
Setup Beads: Raw Beads	1 vial	1.8 mL	77844
LEGENDplex [™] SA-PE	1 bottle	3.3 mL	77743
LEGENDplex [™] Assay Buffer	1 bottle	25 mL	77562
Lyophilized Standard Reconstitution Buffer	1 vial	1 mL	75241
LEGENDplex [™] Wash Buffer, 20X	1 bottle	25 mL	77564
Plate Sealers	4 sheets		78101

No plate is included in Buffer Set G. Plate needs to be ordered separately. Please order the correct type of plate based on the preferred assay protocol (Cat# 740377 or 740378 for Filter Plate and Cat# 740379 for V-bottom Plate).

Materials to be Provided by the End-User

• A flow cytometer equipped with two lasers (e.g., a 488 nm blue laser or 532 nm green laser and a 633-635 nm red laser) capable of distinguishing 575 nm and 660 nm or a flow cytometer equipped with one laser (e.g., 488 nm blue laser) capable of distinguishing 575 nm and 670 nm.

Flow Cytometer	Reporter Channel	Reporter Emission	Classification Channel	Channel Emission	Compen- sation needed?
BD Accuri [™] C6™	FL2	585 nm	FL4	675 nm	No*
BD FACSCanto, BD FACSCanto™II	PE	575 nm	APC	660 nm	No*
BD [™] LSR, LSR II BD LSRFortessa™	PE	575 nm	APC	660 nm	No*
Gallios™	PE	575 nm	APC	660 nm	No*
CytoFLEX	PE	585 nm	APC	660 nm	No*
NovoCyte	PE	572 nm	APC	660 nm	No*
Attune [™] NxT	PE	574 nm	APC	670 nm	No*

Partial list of compatible flow cytometers:

*Compensation is not required for the specified flow cytometers when set up properly.

For setting up various flow cytometers, please visit: **www.biolegend.com/ legendplex** and click on the **Instrument Setup** tab.

- Multichannel pipettes capable of dispensing 5 μL to 200 μL
- Reagent reservoirs for multichannel pipette
- Polypropylene microfuge tubes (1.5 mL)
- Micro FACS tubes, 1.1 mL (if the flow cytometer does not contain an autosampler)
- Laboratory vortex mixer
- Sonicator bath (e.g., Branson Ultrasonic Cleaner model #B200, or equivalent)
- Aluminum foil
- Absorbent pads or paper towels
- Plate shaker (e.g., Lab-Line Instruments model #4625, or equivalent)
- Tabletop centrifuges (e.g., Eppendorf centrifuge 5415 C, or equivalent)

If the assay is performed in a filter plate:

- A vacuum filtration unit (Millipore MultiScreen [®] HTS Vacuum Manifold, cat # MSVMHTS00 or equivalent). Instructions on how to use the vacuum manifold can be found at the supplier's website.
- A vacuum source (mini vacuum pump or line vacuum, e.g., Millipore Vacuum Pump, catalog # WP6111560, or equivalent)
- If needed, additional Filter plates can be ordered from BioLegend (Cat# 740377 or 740378).

If the assay is performed in a V-bottom plate:

- Centrifuge with a swinging bucket adaptor for microtiter plates (e.g., Beckman Coulter Allegra[™] 6R Centrifuge with MICROPLUS CARRIER adaptor for GH3.8 and JS4.3 Rotors).
- If needed, additional V-bottom plates can be ordered from BioLegend (Cat# 740379).

Precautions

- All blood components and biological materials should be handled as potentially hazardous. Follow universal precautions as established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration when handling and disposing of infectious agents.
- Sodium azide has been added to some reagents as a preservative. Although the concentrations are low, sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. On disposal, flush with a large volume of water to prevent azide build-up.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents from different kits or lots. Reagents from different manufacturers should not be used with this kit.
- Do not use this kit beyond its expiration date.
- SA-PE and beads are light-sensitive. Minimize light exposure.

Chapter 2: ASSAY PREPARATION

Sample Collection and Handling

Preparation of Serum Samples:

- Allow the blood to clot for at least 30 minutes and centrifuge for 20 minutes at 1,000 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 that samples be thawed completely, mixed and centrifuged to remove particulates prior to use.

Preparation of Plasma Samples:

- Plasma collection should be collected using an anti-coagulant (e.g., EDTA, Heparin, Citrate). Centrifuge for 20 minutes at 1,000 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 that samples be thawed completely, mixed well and centrifuged to remove particulates.

Preparation of Cell Culture Supernatant:

• Centrifuge the sample to remove debris and assay immediately. If not possible, aliquot and store samples at ≤-20°C. Avoid multiple (>2) freeze/thaw cycles.

Reagent Preparation

Preparation of Antibody-Immobilized Beads

The individual beads (13X) need to be combined with one another and diluted with Assay Buffer to create a 1X working solution of beads prior to use.

- Sonicate each bead vial for 1 minute in a sonicator bath and then vortex for 30 seconds to completely resuspend the beads.
- 2. Calculate and prepare a 1X beads working solution based on the desired number of reactions and plex-size of your assay (i.e. the number of individual bead vials) following the steps described below.
 - A. Total volume (μ L) = **30** x (number of reactions)

B. Volume needed from each 13X beads vial (μ L) = **2.3** x (number of reactions)

C. Assay Buffer needed (μ L) = A – B x (number of individual beads vials to be mixed)

Note: calculations for total volume include a 20% excess to account for any loss during pipetting.

Example: to prepare 50 reactions for a 5-plex assay

A. Total volume (μL) = **30** x 50 = 1500 μL

B. Volume per beads vial needed (μ L) = **2.3** x 50 = 115 μ L

C. Assay Buffer needed (μ L) = A – B x (number of individual beads vials) =1500 – (115 x 5) = 925 μ L

Combine 115 μ L of each beads vial (5 vials) with 925 μ L of assay buffer to get the desired final volume of 1500 μ L of 1X working solution of beads.

Sonicate pre-mixed Beads bottle for 1 minute in a sonicator bath and then vortex for 30 seconds prior to use. If no sonicator bath is available, increase the vortexing time to 1 minute to completely resuspend the beads.

Preparation of Wash Buffer

- Bring the 20X Wash Buffer to room temperature and mix to bring all salts into solution.
- Dilute 25 mL of 20X Wash Buffer with 475 mL deionized water. Store unused portions between 2°C and 8°C for up to one month.

Standard Preparation

- 1. Prior to use, reconstitute the lyophilized Human Adhesion Molecule Standard with 250 µL Lyophilized Standard Reconstitution Buffer
- 2. Mix and allow the vial to sit at room temperature for 10 minutes, and then transfer the standard to an appropriately labeled polypropylene microcentrifuge tube. This will be used as the top standard C7.

Note: The top standard concentrations of analytes in this panel were set at various concentrations, but may be subject to change from lot to lot (please visit biolegend.com/en-us/legendplex to download a lot-specific certificate of analysis).

- 3. Label 6 polypropylene microcentrifuge tubes as C6, C5, C4, C3, C2 and C1, respectively.
- 4. Add 75 μ L of Assay Buffer to each of the six tubes. Prepare 1:4 dilution of the top standard by transferring 25 μ L of the top standard C7 to the C6 tube and mix well. This will be the C6 standard.

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 In the same manner, perform serial 1:4 dilutions to obtain C5, C4, C3, C2 and C1 standards (see the table below using the top standard at 10,000 pg/mL as an example). Assay Buffer will be used as the 0 pg/mL standard (C0).

Tube/Standard ID	Serial Dilution	Assay Buffer to add (μL)	Standard to add	Final Conc. (pg/mL)
C7				10,000
C6	1:4	75	25 µL of C7	2,500
C5	1:16	75	25 µL of C6	625
C4	1:64	75	25 µL of C5	156.25
C3	1:256	75	25 µL of C4	39.01
C2	1:1024	75	25 µL of C3	9.77
C1	1:4096	75	25 µL of C2	2.44
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Sample Dilution

- Serum or plasma samples are suggested to be diluted 50-fold with Assay Buffer before being tested (e.g., dilute 2 μ L of sample with 98 μ L of Assay Buffer). If further dilution is desired, dilution should be done with Assay Buffer. Adding serum or plasma samples without dilution will result in low assay accuracy and possibly, clogging of the filter plate.
- For cell culture supernatant samples, the levels of analyte can vary greatly from sample to sample. To test cell culture supernatant samples, a preliminary experiment may be required to determine the appropriate dilution factor. If further dilution is desired, dilution should be done with corresponding fresh cell culture medium or Assay Buffer as a diluent to ensure accurate measurement.

Chapter 3: ASSAY PROCEDURE

TheLEGENDplex[™] assay can be performed in a filter plate, or in a V-bottom plate.

- The Filter plate assay procedure requires a vacuum filtration unit for washing (see **Materials to be Provided by the End-User, page 8)**. If you have performed bead-based multiplex assays before, your lab may already have the vacuum filtration unit set up.
- If the Filter plate assay procedure is not possible or if you prefer, the assay can be performed in a V-bottom plate.

Performing the Assay Using a Filter Plate

- Allow all reagents to warm to room temperature (20-25°C) before use.
- Set the filter plate on an inverted plate cover at all times during assay setup and incubation steps, so that the bottom of the plate does not touch any surface. Touching a surface may cause leakage.
- Keep the plate upright during the entire assay procedure, including the washing steps, to avoid losing beads.
- The plate should be placed in the dark or wrapped with aluminum foil for all incubation steps.
- Standards and samples should be run in duplicate and arranged on the plate in a vertical configuration convenient for data acquisition and analysis (as shown in attached PLATE MAP, page 37). Be sure to load standards in the first two columns. If an automation device is used for reading, the orientation and reading sequence should be carefully planned.
- Pre-wet the plate by adding 100 µL of LEGENDplex[™] 1X Wash Buffer to each well and let it sit for 1 minute at room temperature. To remove the excess volume, place the plate on the vacuum manifold and apply vacuum. Do not exceed 10" Hg of vacuum. Vacuum until wells are drained (5-10 seconds). Blot excess Wash Buffer from the bottom of the plate by pressing the plate on a stack of clean paper towels. Place the plate on top of the inverted plate cover.
- load the plate as shown in the table below (in the order from left to right)
 For measuring cell culture supernatant samples:

	Cell Culture Medium or Assay Biuffer	Standard	Sample*
Standard Wells	25 μL	25 μL	
Sample wells	25 μL		25 μL

or measuring scrum or plasma samples.				
	Assay Buffer	Standard	Sample*	
Standard Wells	25 μL	25 μL		
Sample wells	25 μL		25 μL	

For measuring serum or plasma samples:

*See Sample Dilution on page 12

- 3. Vortex mixed beads bottle for 30 seconds. Add 25 μ L of mixed beads to each well. The volume should be 75 μ L in each well after beads addition. (Note: During addition of the beads, shake mixed beads bottle intermittently to avoid bead settling).
- 4. Seal the plate with a plate sealer. **To avoid plate leaking, do not apply positive pressure to the sealer when sealing the plate**. Wrap the entire plate, including the inverted plate cover, with aluminum foil. Place the plate on a plate shaker, secure it with a rubber band and shake at approximate 500 rpm for 2 hours at room temperature.
- 5. Do not invert the plate! Place the plate on the vacuum manifold and apply vacuum as before in Step 1. Add 200 μ L of 1X Wash Buffer to each well. Remove Wash Buffer by vacuum filtration. Blot excess Wash Buffer from the bottom of the plate with an absorbent pad or paper towels. Repeat this washing step once more.
- 6. Add 25 μ L of Detection Antibodies to each well.
- 7. Seal the plate with a fresh plate sealer. Wrap the entire plate, including the inverted plate cover, with aluminum foil. Place the plate on a plate shaker and shake at approximately 500 rpm for 1 hour at room temperature.
- 8. Do not vacuum! Add 25 μL of SA-PE to each well directly.
- 9. Seal the plate with a fresh plate sealer. Wrap the entire plate, including the inverted plate cover, with aluminum foil. Place the plate on a plate shaker and shake at approximate 500 rpm for 30 minutes at room temperature.
- 10. Repeat step 5 above.
- 11. Add 150 μL of 1X Wash Buffer to each well. Resuspend the beads on a plate shaker for 1 minute.
- 12. Read samples on a flow cytometer, preferably within the same day of the assay (Note: Prolonged sample storage can lead to reduced signal).

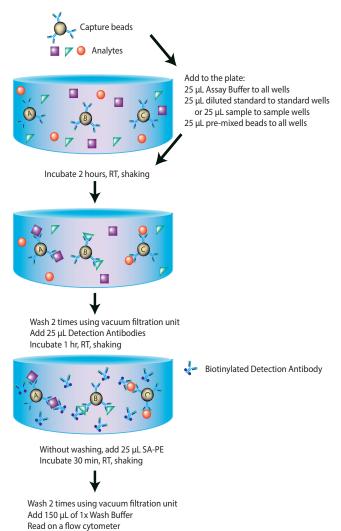
If the flow cytometer is equipped with an autosampler, read the plate directly using the autosampler. Please be sure to program the autosampler to resuspend beads in the well immediately before taking samples. The probe height may need to be adjusted when using an autosampler.

If an autosampler is not available, the samples can be transferred from the filter plate to micro FACS (or FACS) tubes and read manually.

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Assay Procedure Summary for Filter Plate

Add 100 µL 1X Wash Buffer to filter plate wells Vacuum to remove excess buffer



Performing the Assay Using a V-bottom Plate

- Allow all reagents to warm to room temperature (20-25°C) before use.
- Keep the plate upright during the entire assay procedure, including the washing steps, to avoid losing beads.
- The plate should be placed in the dark or wrapped with aluminum foil for all incubation steps.
- Standards and samples should be run in duplicate and arranged on the plate in a vertical configuration convenient for data acquisition and analysis (as shown in attached PLATE MAP, page 37). Be sure to load standards in the first two columns. If an automation device is used for reading, the orientation and reading sequence should be carefully planned.
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Sample wells	25 μL		25 μL
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*See Sample Dilution on page 12

- Vortex mixed beads for 30 seconds. Add 25 μL of mixed beads to each well. The total volume should be 75 μL in each well after beads addition. (Note: During beads addition, shake mixed beads bottle intermittently to avoid bead settling).
- 3. Seal the plate with a plate sealer. Cover the entire plate with aluminum foil to protect the plate from light. Shake at 800 rpm on a plate shaker for 2 hours at room temperature (Depending on the shaker, the speed may need to be adjusted. The optimal speed is one that is high enough to keep beads in suspension during incubation, but not too high that it may cause sample to spill from the wells).
- 4. Centrifuge the plate at 1050 rpm (~250 g) for 5 minutes, using a swinging bucket rotor (G.H 3.8) with microplate adaptor (Please refer to Materials to be Provided by the End-User, page 8). Do not use excessive centrifugation speed as it may make it harder to resuspend beads in later steps. Make sure the timer of the centrifuge works properly and standby to make sure the centrifuge reaches preset speed.
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5. Immediately after centrifugation, dump the supernatant into a biohazard waste container by quickly inverting and flicking the plate in one continuous and forceful motion. The beads pellet may or may not be visible after dumping the supernatant. Loss of beads should not be a concern as the beads will stay in the tip of the well nicely. Blot the plate on a stack of clean paper towel and drain the remaining liquid from the well as much as possible. Be careful not to disturb the bead pellet.

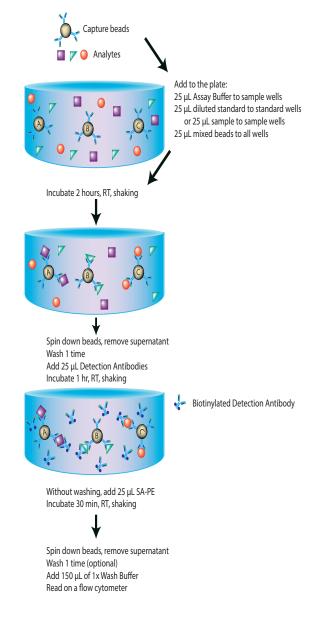
Alternatively, removal of the supernatant may be completed using a multichannel pipette set at 75 μ L. Try to remove as much liquid as possible without removing any beads. Be sure to change pipette tips between each row or column.

- Wash the plate by dispensing 200 μL of 1X Wash Buffer into each well and incubate for one minute. Repeat step 4 and 5 above. A second wash is optional, but may help reduce background.
- 7. Add 25 μL of Detection Antibodies to each well.
- 8. Seal the plate with a new plate sealer. Cover the entire plate with aluminum foil to protect the plate from light. Shake at 800 rpm on a plate shaker for 1 hour at room temperature.
- 9. Do not wash the plate! Add 25 µL of SA-PE to each well directly.
- 10. Seal the plate with a new plate sealer. Wrap the entire plate with aluminum foil and shake the plate on a plate shaker at approximate 800 rpm for 30 minutes at room temperature.
- 11. Repeat step 4, and 5.
- 12. (This washing step is optional but helps to reduce the background.) Wash the plate by dispensing 200 μ L of 1X Wash Buffer into each well and incubate for one minute. Repeat step 4 and 5 above.
- 13. Add 150 μL of 1X Wash Buffer to each well. Resuspend the beads by pipetting.
- 14. Read samples on a flow cytometer, preferably within the same day of the assay (Note: Prolonged sample storage can lead to reduced signal).

If the flow cytometer is equipped with an autosampler, the samples can be read directly. Please be sure to program the autosampler to resuspend beads in the well immediately before taking samples. The probe height may need to be adjusted when using an autosampler.

If an autosampler is not available, the samples can be transferred from the plate to micro FACS (or FACS) tubes and read manually.

Assay Procedure Summary for V-bottom Plate



Chapter 4: FLOW CYTOMETER SETUP

In order to generate reliable data, the flow cytometer must be set up properly before data acquisition.

The setup instructions have been removed from this manual and uploaded onto our website to save paper.

To access the setup instructions, please visit: **www.biolegend.com/legendplex** and click on the **Instrument Setup** tab.

Chapter 5: DATA ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS

Data Acquisition

- 1. Before reading samples, make sure that the flow cytometer is set up properly.
- 2. Create a new template or open an existing template (for details on how to create a cytometer-specific template, please refer to the Flow Cytometer Setup Guide).
- 3. Vortex each sample for 5 seconds before analysis.
- 4. Set the flow rate to low. Set the number of beads to be acquired to about 300 per analyte (e.g., acquire 2,100 beads for a 7-plex assay or 3,000 beads for a 13-plex assay). Do not set to acquire total events as samples may contain large amounts of debris. Instead, create a large gate to include both Beads A and Beads B (gate A+B) and set to acquire the number of events in gate A + B. This will exlude majority of the debris.

Note: Do not acquire too few or too many beads. Too few beads acquired may result in high CVs and too many beads acquired may result in slow data analysis later.

5. Read samples.

When reading samples, set the flow cytometer to setup mode first and wait until bead population is stabilized before recording or switching to acquisition mode.

To simplify data analysis using the LEGENDplex[™] Data Analysis Software, read samples in the same order as shown on the PLATE MAP attached at the end of the manual. For an in-plate assay, read column by column (A1, B1, C1...A2, B2, C2...).

When naming data files, try to use simple names with a consecutive numbering for easy data analysis (e.g. for standards, C0.001, C0.002, C1.003, C1.004, C2.005, C2.006, C3.007, C3.008, ... C7.015, C7.016; for samples, S1.017, S1.018, S2.019, S2.020, S3.021, S3.022...)

Store all FCS files in the same folder for each assay. If running multiple assays, create a separate folder for each assay.

6. Proceed to data analysis using LEGENDplex[™] Data Analysis Software when data acquisition is completed.

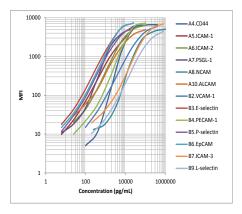
Data Analysis

 The assay FCS files should be analyzed using BioLegend's LEGENDplex[™] data analysis software. The program is offered free of charge with the purchase of any LEGENDplex[™] assay. For further information regarding acccess to, and use of the program please visit **biolegend.com/en-us/legendplex**.

Chapter 6: ASSAY CHARACTERIZATION

Representative Standard Curve

This standard curve was generated using the LEGENDplex[™] Human Adhesion Molecule Panel for demonstration purposes only. A standard curve must be run with each assay.



Assay Sensitivity

The assay sensitivity is the theoretical limit of detection calculated using the LEGENDplex[™] Data Analysis Software by applying a 5-paramater curve fitting algorithm. Assay Sensitivity presented here is ≤Mean LOD + 2xSTDEV LOD.

Analyte	LOD in Assay Buffer (pg/mL)
Human CD44	195.5
Human ICAM-1	3.0
Human ICAM-2	24.0
Human PSGL-1	11.0
Human NCAM	306.7
Human ALCAM	28.4
Human VCAM-1	49.0
Human E-selectin	6.0
Human PECAM-1	36.2
Human P-selectin	5.4
Human EpCAM	5.3
Human ICAM-3	202.7
Human L-selectin	97.5

Cross-Reactivity

Target human proteins were tested individually at the indicated concentrations below using the LEGENDplex[™] Human Adhesion Molecule Panel, with negligible cross-reactivity observed for non-intended targets.

Analyte	Conc. (ng/mL)	Analyte	Conc. (ng/mL)
CD44	4,000	E-selectin	250
ICAM-1	250	PECAM-1	1,000
ICAM-2	1,000	P-selectin	250
PSGL-1	250	EpCAM	250
NCAM	10,000	ICAM-3	8,000
ALCAM	1,000	L-selectin	8,000
VCAM-1	4,000		

The following recombinant proteins were tested individually at at least 50 ng/mL. No or negligible cross-reactivity was found.

		Human			Mouse
VE-Cadherin	IL-18	IL-11	MCP-1	Angiopoi- etin-2	ICAM-1
E-Cadherin	IL-23	IL-27	OPG	EGF	E-Cadherin
N-Cadherin	IL-33	DKK-1	OPN	EPO	ALCAM
Myoglobin	TSLP	IGFBP-3	ALPL	FGF-basic	PSGL-1
IL-12p40	IL-1α	IL-6	ACP5	G-CSF	NCAM
IL-12p70	IL-1β	IFN-γ	Leptin	GM-CSF	VE-Cadherin
MMP-9	GM-CSF	CRP	RANKL	HGF	E-selectin
Cystatin C	IL-17A	IL-10	VEGF	M-CSF	P-selectin
MRP8/14	TNF-α	OPN	BMP-2	PDGF-AA	L-selectin
IGFBP4	IFN-α2	MPO	PTH	PDGF-BB	EpCAM
MMP-2	NGAL	SAA	Adipsin	SCF	VCAM-1
IL-12p70	IL-15	IL-8	RBP4	TGF-α	PECAM-1
PAI-1	PTX3	IP-10	ST2	sCD40L	N-Cadherin

Accuracy (Spike Recovery)

For spike recovery in cell culture medium (n=2), RPMI or DMEM with 10% FBS were spiked with target recombinant proteins at three different levels within the assay range. For spike recovery in serum (n=5) and plasma (n=15), samples were first diluted 50-fold with Assay Buffer and spiked with target proteins at three different levels within the assay range.

Ameluto	%	of Spike Recover	V
Analyte	Serum	Plasma	Cell Culture
Human CD44	75%	76%	98%
Human ICAM-1	95%	92%	94%
Human ICAM-2	91%	91%	83%
Human PSGL-1	71%	69%	85%
Human NCAM	82%	84%	102%
Human ALCAM	87%	81%	86%
Human VCAM-1	77%	56%	84%
Human E-selectin	84%	82%	77%
Human PECAM-1	79%	77%	87%
Human P-selectin	106%	108%	100%
Human EpCAM	78%	80%	104%
Human ICAM-3	99%	95%	93%
Human L-selectin	71%	73%	88%

The spiked samples were then assayed, and the measured concentrations were compared with the expected values.

Linearity of Dilution

Cell culture samples (n=2) were spiked with target proteins with known concentrations in the assay range, then serially diluted 2, 4, and 8 fold with Assay Buffer and assayed. Serum (n=5) and plasma (n=15) samples were initially diluted 50-fold with Assay Buffer, then serially diluted 2, 4, and 8 fold still with Assay Buffer and assayed.

The measured concentrations of serially diluted samples were then compared with the concentration of the lowest dilution based on serial dilution factor used.

0 li - t		% Linearity	
Analyte	Serum	Plasma	Cell Culture
Human CD44	124%	105%	112%
Human ICAM-1	87%	82%	99%
Human ICAM-2	76%	66%	112%
Human PSGL-1	121%	110%	92%
Human NCAM	65%	59%	97%
Human ALCAM	78%	72%	99%
Human VCAM-1	123%	154%	98%
Human E-selectin	122%	108%	120%
Human PECAM-1	137%	109%	112%
Human P-selectin	100%	106%	92%
Human EpCAM	101%	105%	92%
Human ICAM-3	82%	66%	101%
Human L-selectin	120%	101%	96%

Intra-Assay Precision

Two samples with different concentrations of each target protein were analyzed in one assay with 16 replicates per sample. The intra-assay precision is shown below.

Analyte	Sample	Mean (pg/mL)	STDEV	%CV
	Sample 1	5319.0	131.9	2%
Human CD44	Sample 2	1423.3	69.1	5%
	Sample 1	374.4	15.4	4%
Human ICAM-1	Sample 2	84.1	5.9	7%
	Sample 1	1368.1	62.0	5%
Human ICAM-2	Sample 2	341.2	25.9	8%
	Sample 1	311.3	17.0	5%
Human PSGL-1	Sample 2	66.5	5.0	7%
	Sample 1	9033.3	253.0	3%
Human NCAM	Sample 2	2066.7	139.2	7%
	Sample 1	1360.1	74.8	6%
Human ALCAM	Sample 2	327.2	29.5	9%

	Sample 1	4815.5	245.5	5%
Human VCAM-1	Sample 2	1376.6	97.7	7%
llumon E coloctio	Sample 1	310.4	13.5	4%
Human E-selectin	Sample 2	82.2	4.9	6%
	Sample 1	1104.2	33.8	3%
Human PECAM-1	Sample 2	309.2	22.2	7%
	Sample 1	266.6	13.1	5%
Human P-selectin	Sample 2	57.1	3.8	7%
	Sample 1	266.6	12.9	5%
Human EpCAM	Sample 2	60.4	4.1	7%
	Sample 1	9449.6	601.2	6%
Human ICAM-3	Sample 2	2479.4	178.5	7%
	Sample 1	6809.3	329.3	5%
Human L-selectin	Sample 2	2489.6	152.4	6%

Inter-Assay Precision

Two samples with different concentrations of each target protein were analyzed in six independent assays with four replicates per sample. The inter-assay precision is shown below.

Analyte	Sample	Mean (pg/mL)	STDEV	%CV
Liuman CD44	Sample 1	5643.0	299.0	5%
Human CD44	Sample 2	1634.8	189.7	12%
Human ICAM-1	Sample 1	410.1	30.9	8%
Human ICAIVI-1	Sample 2	93.2	14.1	15%
Human ICAM-2	Sample 1	1326.2	75.2	6%
Human ICAIVI-2	Sample 2	337.0	56.8	17%
	Sample 1	323.4	27.6	9%
Human PSGL-1	Sample 2	74.0	13.1	18%
	Sample 1	9759.1	828.5	8%
Human NCAM	Sample 2	2206.2	272.3	12%
	Sample 1	1382.8	93.2	7%
Human ALCAM	Sample 2	306.0	58.5	19%

	Sample 1	5099.3	508.7	10%
Human VCAM-1	Sample 2	1446.8	255.9	18%
Liveren E estestin	Sample 1	321.0	16.4	5%
Human E-selectin	Sample 2	83.9	13.4	16%
	Sample 1	1112.9	74.5	7%
Human PECAM-1	Sample 2	330.1	52.5	16%
	Sample 1	277.4	18.9	7%
Human P-selectin	Sample 2	64.1	10.6	17%
	Sample 1	291.2	20.2	7%
Human EpCAM	Sample 2	71.4	10.7	15%
	Sample 1	10177.6	1146.2	11%
Human ICAM-3	Sample 2	2715.8	403.0	15%
llum an Las lastin	Sample 1	7433.9	970.0	13%
Human L-selectin	Sample 2	2458.3	351.6	14%

Biological Samples

The values in this section are provided for reference only. The assays provided in this kit are intended for research use only.

Serum and plasma (samples are paired)

Normal human serum samples (n=20) were tested for endogenous levels of the proteins. The concentrations are shown below.

Analyte	Range (ng/mL)	% Detectable	Mean (ng/mL)
Human CD44	95.9-191.7	100%	141.3
Human ICAM-1	3.4-13.8	100%	7.1
Human ICAM-2	33.9-208.3	100%	98.7
Human PSGL-1	8.1-15.1	100%	11.8
Human NCAM	92.3-320.5	100%	200.9
Human ALCAM	61.7-152.7	100%	104.6
Human VCAM-1	335.1-1102.8	100%	556.4
Human E-selectin	4.6-40.9	100%	22.6

Human PECAM-1	5.6-31.1	100%	13.1
Human P-selectin	10.0-57.4	100%	31.0
Human EpCAM	0.03-0.9	100%	0.2
Human ICAM-3	47.9-190.2	100%	122.6
Human L-selectin	44.1-3115.8	100%	2179.1

Normal human plasma (EDTA) samples (n=20) were tested for endogenous levels of the proteins. The concentrations are shown below.

Analyte	Range (ng/mL)	% Detectable	Mean (ng/mL)
Human CD44	71.9-171.8	100%	125.1
Human ICAM-1	1.5-8.4	100%	5.4
Human ICAM-2	25.3-143.2	100%	81.1
Human PSGL-1	6.2-14.9	100%	10.1
Human NCAM	42.5-247.2	100%	169.7
Human ALCAM	29.8-103.2	100%	75.4
Human VCAM-1	137.1-598.9	100%	307.7
Human E-selectin	5.2-37.1	100%	19.0
Human PECAM-1	3.3-426.1	100%	42.3
Human P-selectin	15.7-503.0	100%	60.5
Human EpCAM	0.1-1.2	100%	0.3
Human ICAM-3	46.5-155.6	100%	112.7
Human L-selectin	36.7-2557.3	100%	1804.6

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Cancer Patient Samples

Metastatic cancer patient serum or EDTA plasma samples with age, gender, and race matched normal controls were purchased from a commercial source and tested for endogenous levels of the Human Adhesion Molecule Panel targets. The concentrations (all in ng/mL) measured are shown below.

Analyte	Cancer (n=	:5)	Normal contro	ol (n=5)
, and yee	Range	Mean	Range	Mean
Human CD44	339.8-842.1	531.5	268.8-593.6	437.3
Human ICAM-1	5.3-46.7	20.6	11.0-19.7	13.8
Human ICAM-2	25.2-196.4	119.6	145.0-233.0	184.9
Human PSGL-1	30.0-49.3	38.6	20.5-32.0	26.4
Human NCAM	141.1-650.8	452.5	357.6-602.4	472.2
Human ALCAM	88.8-390.9	229.0	150.4-259.1	202.2
Human VCAM-1	675.6-1694.4	1168.6	537.0-1190.7	831.2
Human E-selectin	23.8-104.0	52.2	27.0-82.6	50.4
Human PECAM-1	17.5-41.5	31.0	12.9-29.6	21.3
Human P-selectin	10.9-98.6	62.6	28.5-61.1	47.5
Human EpCAM	0.2-0.6	0.4	0.2-1.5	0.5
Human ICAM-3	230.9-545.2	383.3	205.6-281.8	232.2
Human L-selectin	4735.7-13248.7	9475.0	5254.8-10211.8	7420.7

Serum

EDTA plasma

Analyte	Cancer (n=	=5)	Normal Contro	ol (n=5)
, ,	Range	Mean	Range	Mean
Human CD44	358.0-593.6	479.7	237.0-451.7	343.2
Human ICAM-1	13.6-27.7	20.0	6.2-21.0	10.1

Human ICAM-2	53.8-132.3	109.0	78.1-175.7	116.3
Human PSGL-1	19.0-32.9	26.4	16.9-22.6	19.2
Human NCAM	328.3-619.1	448.5	239.1-412.5	332.8
Human ALCAM	158.0-345.5	234.8	88.0-158.0	135.6
Human VCAM-1	409.3-1825.8	838.3	257.6-598.3	390.7
Human E-selectin	33.5-124.8	65.8	28.4-65.3	43.1
Human PECAM-1	27.2-121.2	57.2	16.6-118.2	52.9
Human P-selectin	18.5-260.9	99.9	11.5-69.5	32.7
Human EpCAM	0.2-0.4	0.3	0.1-0.4	0.3
Human ICAM-3	99.4-342.1	227.5	118.9-254.2	177.0
Human L-selectin	3766.4-5553.8	4485.4	2333.7-6888.8	4816.1

Cell Culture Supernatant

Human PBMC cells (1x10⁶ cells/mL) were cultured under LPS (1 μ g/mL) stimulation with unstimulated cells as a control. Cell Culture supernatants were collected 24 hour after stimulation and assayed. The results (all pg/mL) are summarized below.

Analyte	Control	LPS
Human CD44	2867.5	3649.6
Human ICAM-1	46.0	58.7
Human ICAM-2	70.2	85.4
Human PSGL-1	14.6	13.8
Human NCAM	565.2	699.3
Human ALCAM	80.9	39.1
Human VCAM-1	ND	30.6
Human E-selectin	ND	ND
Human PECAM-1	2259.0	2618.3
Human P-selectin	2783.4	3361.3
Human EpCAM	4.1	ND
Human ICAM-3	1148.6	1032.0
Human L-selectin	985.3	1544.1
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ND = Non-detectable

Human HUVEC cells (1x10⁶ cells/mL) were cultured under various conditions (IFN- γ at 50 ng/mL and TNF- α at 200 ng/mL; LPS at 1 µg/mL) with unstimulated cells as a control. Cell Culture supernatants were collected 24 hour after stimulation and assayed. The results (all pg/mL) are summarized below.

Analyte	Control	IFN-γ + TNF-α	LPS
Human CD44	2115.0	2838.1	2368.6
Human ICAM-1	4.4	997.4	25.1
Human ICAM-2	119.1	535.3	209.4
Human PSGL-1	4.1	4.1	ND
Human NCAM	249.4	522.6	446.9
Human ALCAM	989.5	2098.0	1230.8
Human VCAM-1	ND	1224.9	ND
Human E-selectin	2.2	7236.3	102.0
Human PECAM-1	1374.2	1951.6	1604.4
Human P-selectin	3.1	3.0	1.6
Human EpCAM	3.0	4.8	3.8
Human ICAM-3	56.1	ND	ND
Human L-selectin	ND	101.7	ND

ND = Non-detectable

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Bead popula- tion shifting upward or downward dur- ing acquisition	The strong PE signal from high concentra- tion samples or stan- dards may spill over to classification Channel (e.g., FL3/FL4/APC) and mess up the bead separation.	Optimize instrument settings using Kit Setup Beads, and make appropriate com- pensation between channels.
	Vacuum pressure is insufficient or vacuum manifold does not seal properly.	Increase vacuum pressure such that 0.2 mL buffer can be suctioned in 3-5 seconds. Clean the vacuum manifold and make sure no debris on the manifold. Press down the plate on the manifold to make a good seal.
		Centrifuge samples just prior to assay setup and use supernatant. If high lipid content is present, remove lipid layer after centrifugation. Sample may need dilution if too viscous.
Filter plate will		If some wells are still clogged during wash- ing, try the following:
not vacuum or some wells clogged	Samples have insoluble particles or sample is too viscous (e.g., serum	 Add buffer to all the wells, pipette up and down the clogged wells and vacuum again.
	and plasma samples)	2). Use a piece of clean wipe, wipe the un- der side of the clogged wells and vacuum again.
		3). Take a thin needle (e.g., insulin needle), while holding the plate upward, poke the little hole under each of the clogged wells and vacuum again. Do not poke too hard or too deep as it may damage the filter and cause leaking.
	Filter plate was used without pre-wet.	Pre-wet plate with wash buffer before run- ning the assay.

	Beads inappropriately prepared	Sonicate bead vials and vortex just prior to addition. Agitate mixed beads intermit- tently in reservoir while pipetting this into the plate.
Insufficient bead count or	Samples cause beads aggregation due to particulate matter or viscosity.	Centrifuge samples just prior to assay setup and use supernatant. If high lipid content is present, remove lipid layer after centrifugation. Sample may need dilution if too viscous.
slow reading	Beads were lost during washing for in-tube assay	Make sure beads are spun down by visu- ally check the pellet (beads are in light blue or blue color). Be very careful when removing supernatant during washing.
	Probe might be par- tially clogged.	Sample probe may need to be cleaned, or if needed, probe should be removed and sonicated.
	Vacuum pressure set too high	Adjust vacuum pressure such that 0.2 mL buffer can be suctioned in 3-5 seconds. Do not exceed 10" Hg of vacuum.
Plate leaked	Plate set directly on table or absorbent tow- els during incubations or reagent additions	Set plate on plate holder or raised edge so bottom of filter is not touching any surface.
	Liquid present on the under side of the plate after vacuum	After washing, press down plate firmly on a stack of clean paper towels to dry the underside of the plate.
	Pipette touching and damaged plate filter during additions.	Pipette to the side of wells.
High Back-	Background wells were contaminated	Avoid cross-well contamination by chang- ing tips between pipetting when perform- ing the assay using a multichannel pipette.
ground	Insufficient washes	The background may be due to non- specific binding of SA-PE. Increase number of washes.
Debris (FSC/ SSC) during sample acquisi- tion	Debris or platelet may exist in sample solu- tion.	Centrifuge samples before analyzing samples. Remove platelet as much as possible.

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PLATE MAP (for in-plate assay)

	1	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	12
А	CO	C4	Sample1	Sample5	Sample 9	Sample 13	Sample 17	Sample 21	Sample 25	Sample 29	Sample 33	Sample 37
B	CO	C4	Sample1	Sample5	Sample 9	Sample 13	Sample 17	Sample 21	Sample 25	Sample 29	Sample 33	Sample 37
U	C1	ß	Sample2	Sample6	Sample 10	Sample 14	Sample 18	Sample 22	Sample 26	Sample 30	Sample 34	Sample 38
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U	ព	C7	Sample4	Sample8	Sample 12	Sample 16	Sample 20	Sample 24	Sample 28	Sample 32	Sample 36	Sample 40
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