

**Rat Cytokine / Chemokine  
Magnetic Bead Panel**

**96-Well Plate Assay**

**Cat. # RECYTMAG-65K or  
RECYMAG65K27PMX**

# MILLIPLEX<sup>®</sup> MAP

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## Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Magnetic Bead Panel

### INTRODUCTION

“Cytokine” is a general term used for a diverse group of soluble proteins and peptides which act as regulators under both normal and pathological conditions to modulate the functional activities of individual cells and tissues. These proteins also mediate direct interactions between cells and regulate processes taking place in the extracellular environment. Cytokines differ from hormones in that they act on a wider spectrum of target cells. Also, unlike hormones, they are not produced by specialized cells which are organized in specialized glands. The cytokine group of proteins includes lymphokines, interferons, colony stimulating factors and chemokines. Cytokine and chemokine research plays a significant role in achieving a deeper understanding of the immune system and its multi-faceted response to most antigens, as well as disease states such as inflammatory disease, allergic reactions, irritable bowel disease (IBD), sepsis, and cancer.

To identify specific cytokines involved in any inflammatory or immune response, it might be necessary to screen panels of cytokines, often requiring some level of automation and/or high throughput. Magnetic Beads can make the process of automation and high throughput screening easier with features such as walk-away washing. Advantages even outside automation include:

- More flexible plate and plate washer options
- Improved performance with turbid serum/plasma samples
- Assay results equivalent to non-magnetic beads
- Automated washing eliminates technical obstacles (i.e., clogging of wells that contain viscous samples) which may result during vacuum manifold/manual washing

Therefore, the **MILLIPLEX<sup>®</sup> MAP** Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Magnetic Bead panel enables you to focus on the therapeutic potential of cytokines as well as the modulation of cytokine expression. Coupled with the Luminex xMAP<sup>®</sup> 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.

EMD Millipore's MILLIPLEX Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Magnetic Bead panel is the most versatile system available for cytokine and chemokine research.

- MILLIPLEX MAP offers you the ability to:
  - Select a 27-plex premixed option or
  - Choose any combination of analytes from our panel of 27 analytes to design a custom kit that better meets your needs.
- A convenient “all-in-one” box format gives you the assurance that you will have all the necessary reagents you need to run your assay.

EMD Millipore's MILLIPLEX MAP Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Magnetic Bead kit is to be used for the simultaneous quantification from the following: EGF, Eotaxin, Fractalkine, G-CSF, GM-CSF, GRO/KC/CINC-1, IFN $\gamma$ , IL-1 $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-10, IL-12(p70), IL-13, IL-17A, IL-18, IP-10, Leptin, LIX, MCP-1, MIP-1 $\alpha$ , MIP-2, RANTES, TNF $\alpha$  and VEGF.

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***Please read entire protocol before use.***

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

## PRINCIPLE

MILLIPLEX MAP is 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® uses proprietary techniques to internally color-code microspheres with two fluorescent dyes. Through precise concentrations of these dyes, 100 distinctly colored bead sets 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 microspheres are allowed to pass rapidly through a laser which excites the internal dyes marking the microsphere set. A second laser excites PE, the fluorescent dye on the reporter molecule.
- Finally, high-speed digital-signal processors identify each individual microsphere and quantify the result of its bioassay based on fluorescent reporter signals.

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  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid multiple (>2) freeze/thaw cycles.
- **DO NOT FREEZE Antibody-Immobilized Beads, Detection Antibody, and Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin.**

## REAGENTS SUPPLIED

**Note: Store all reagents at 2 – 8°C**

Reagents Supplied	Catalog Number	Volume	Quantity
Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Standard	RCYT-8065	lyophilized	1 vial
Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Quality Controls 1 and 2	RCYT-6065	lyophilized	2 vials
Serum Matrix Note: Contains 0.08% Sodium Azide	MXMSM-4	lyophilized	1 vial
Bead Diluent (not provided with premixed panel)	LBD	3.5 mL	1 vial
Set of one 96-Well Plate with 2 sealers	-----	-----	1 plate 2 sealers
Assay Buffer	L-MAB	30 mL	1 bottle
10X Wash Buffer Note: Contains 0.05% Proclin	L-WB	30 mL	2 bottles
Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Detection Antibodies	RCYT-1065	3.2 mL	1 bottle
Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	L-SAPE10	3.2 mL	1 bottle
Mixing Bottle (not provided with premixed panel)	-----	-----	1 bottle

### Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Antibody-Immobilized Premixed Magnetic Beads:

Premixed 27-plex Beads	RCYPMX27-MAG	3.5 mL	1 bottle
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**Included Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Antibody-Immobilized Beads are dependent on customizable selection of analytes within the panel (see next page).**

## Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Antibody-Immobilized Magnetic Beads:

Bead/Analyte Name	Luminex Magnetic Bead Region	Customizable 27 Analytes (50X concentration, 90 µL)		27-Plex Magnetic Premixed Beads
		Available	Cat. #	
Anti-Rat G-CSF Bead	13	✓	MGCSF-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat Eotaxin Bead	14	✓	HETXN-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat GM-CSF Bead	18	✓	RGMCSF-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-1 $\alpha$ Bead	19	✓	RIL1A-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat Leptin Bead	22	✓	RCYLPTN-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat MIP-1 $\alpha$ Bead	33	✓	RMIP1A-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-4 Bead	34	✓	RIL4-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-1 $\beta$ Bead	35	✓	RCYIL1B-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-2 Bead	36	✓	RIL2-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-6 Bead	37	✓	RCYIL6-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat EGF Bead	38	✓	REGF-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-13 Bead	39	✓	RIL13-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-10 Bead	51	✓	RIL10-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-12p70 Bead	52	✓	RIL12P70-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IFN $\gamma$ Bead	53	✓	RIFNG-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-5 Bead	55	✓	HIL5-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-17A Bead	56	✓	MIL17-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IL-18 Bead	57	✓	RIL18-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat MCP-1 Bead	62	✓	MCYMCP1-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat IP-10 Bead	65	✓	RIP10-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat GRO/KC/CINC-1 Bead	72	✓	REGRKC-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat VEGF Bead	73	✓	REVEGF-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat Fractalkine Bead	74	✓	RFKN-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat LIX Bead	75	✓	RLIX-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat MIP-2 Bead	76	✓	RMIP2-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat TNF $\alpha$ Bead	77	✓	MCYTNFA-MAG	✓
Anti-Rat RANTES Bead	78	✓	RRNTS-MAG	✓

## **MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

### Reagents

1. Luminex Sheath Fluid (Luminex Catalog #40-50000) or Luminex Drive Fluid (Luminex Catalog #MPXDF-4PK)

### Instrumentation / Materials

1. Adjustable Pipettes with Tips capable of delivering 25  $\mu$ L to 1000  $\mu$ L
2. Multichannel Pipettes capable of delivering 5  $\mu$ L to 50  $\mu$ L or 25  $\mu$ L to 200  $\mu$ L
3. Reagent Reservoirs
4. Polypropylene Microfuge Tubes
5. Rubber Bands
6. Aluminum Foil
7. Absorbent Pads
8. Laboratory Vortex Mixer
9. Sonicator (Branson Ultrasonic Cleaner Model #B200 or equivalent)
10. Titer Plate Shaker (Lab-Line Instruments Model #4625 or equivalent)
11. Luminex 200™, HTS, FLEXMAP 3D®, or MAGPIX® with xPONENT® software by Luminex Corporation
12. Automatic Plate Washer for magnetic beads (BioTek® 405 LS and 405 TS, EMD Millipore Catalog #40-094, #40-095, #40-096, #40-097 or equivalent) or Handheld Magnetic Separation Block (EMD Millipore Catalog #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 (EMD Millipore Catalog #MX-PLATE) to run the assay using a Vacuum Filtration Unit (EMD Millipore Vacuum Manifold Catalog #MSVMHTS00 or equivalent with EMD Millipore Vacuum Pump Catalog #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.

## 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  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 month and at  $\leq -80^{\circ}\text{C}$  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.
- When reading the assay on Luminex 200™, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex to the kit solid plate or to the recommended EMD Millipore filter plates using 3 alignment discs. When reading the assay on MAGPIX®, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex to the kit solid plate or to the recommended EMD Millipore filter plates using 2 alignment discs. When reading the assay on FLEXMAP 3D®, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex to the kit solid plate using 1 alignment disc. For FLEXMAP 3D® when using the solid plate in the kit, the final resuspension should be with 150  $\mu\text{L}$  Sheath Fluid in each well and 75  $\mu\text{L}$  should be aspirated.



## TECHNICAL GUIDELINES (continued)

- 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 1:2, use the Assay Buffer 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.

## SAMPLE COLLECTION AND STORAGE

### A. Preparation of Serum Samples:

- Allow the blood to clot for at least 30 minutes before centrifugation for 10 minutes at 1000xg. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Avoid multiple  $>2$  freeze/thaw cycles.
- When using frozen samples, it is recommended to thaw the samples completely, mix well by vortexing and centrifuge prior to use in the assay to remove particulates.
- Serum samples should be diluted 1:2 in the Assay Buffer provided in the kit. For example, in a tube, 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of serum may be combined with 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of Assay Buffer. When further dilution beyond 1:2 is required, use Assay Buffer as the diluent.

### B. Preparation of Plasma Samples:

- Plasma collection using EDTA as an anti-coagulant is recommended. Centrifuge for 10 minutes at 1000xg within 30 minutes of blood collection. Remove plasma and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Avoid multiple  $>2$  freeze/thaw cycles.
- When using frozen samples, it is recommended to thaw the samples completely, mix well by vortexing and centrifuge prior to use in the assay to remove particulates.
- Plasma samples should be diluted 1:2 in the Assay Buffer provided in the kit. For example, in a tube, 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of serum may be combined with 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of Assay Buffer. When further dilution beyond 1:2 is required, use Assay Buffer as the diluent.

### C. Preparation of Tissue Culture Supernatant:

- Centrifuge the sample to remove debris and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- 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  $\mu\text{L}$  per well of 1:2 diluted serum or plasma can be used. Tissue culture or other media may also 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 anticoagulant 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**

A. 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  $\mu\text{L}$  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°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 13 antibody-immobilized beads, add 60  $\mu\text{L}$  from each of the 13 bead vials to the Mixing Bottle. Then add 2.22 mL Bead Diluent.

Example 2: When using 27 antibody-immobilized beads, add 60  $\mu\text{L}$  from each of the 27 bead vials to the Mixing Bottle. Then add 1.38 mL Bead Diluent.

B. Preparation of Quality Controls

Before use, reconstitute Quality Control 1 and Quality Control 2 with 250  $\mu\text{L}$  deionized water. Invert the vial several times to mix and vortex. Allow the vial to sit for 5-10 minutes. Unused portion may be stored at  $\leq -20^\circ\text{C}$  for up to one month.

C. 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 (two bottles) with 540 mL deionized water. Store unused portion at 2-8°C for up to one month.

D. Preparation of Serum Matrix

**This step is required for serum or plasma samples only.**

Add 1.0 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  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for up to one month.

**PREPARATION OF REAGENTS FOR IMMUNOASSAY (continued)**

**E. Preparation of Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Standard**

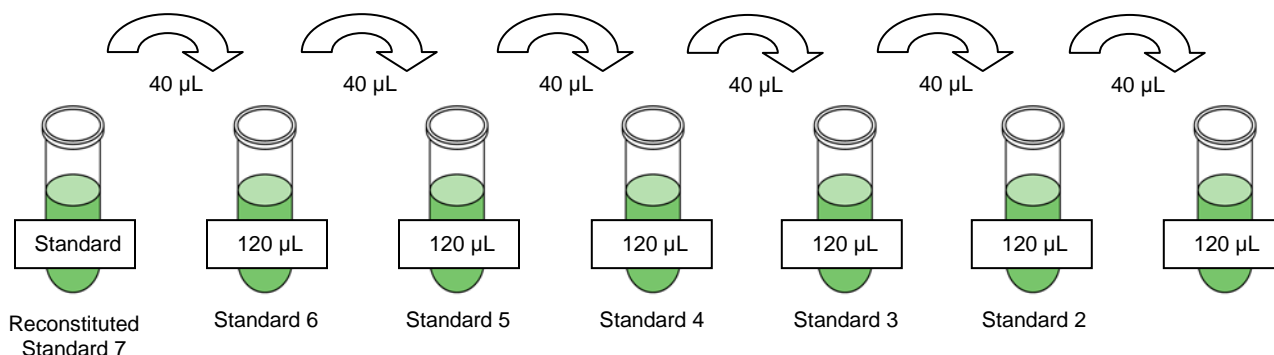
1.) Prior to use, reconstitute the Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Standard with 250  $\mu\text{L}$  deionized water (refer to table below for analyte concentrations). Invert the vial several times to mix. Vortex the vial for 10 seconds. Allow the vial to sit for 5-10 minutes. This will be used as Standard 7; the unused portion may be stored at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for up to one month.

2). Preparation of Working Standards

Label 6 polypropylene microfuge tubes Standard 1 through Standard 6. Add 120  $\mu\text{L}$  of Assay Buffer to each of the 6 tubes. Prepare serial dilutions by adding 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of the reconstituted Standard 7 to the Standard 6 tube, mix well and transfer 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard 6 to the Standard 5 tube, mix well and transfer 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard 5 to the Standard 4 tube, mix well and transfer 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard 4 to the Standard 3 tube, mix well and transfer 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard 3 to the Standard 2 tube, mix well and transfer 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of Standard 2 to the Standard 1 tube and mix well. The 0 ng/mL standard (Background) will be Assay Buffer.

Standard Tube #	Volume of Deionized Water to Add	Volume of Standard to Add
Standard 7	250 $\mu\text{L}$	0

Standard Tube #	Volume of Assay Buffer to Add	Volume of Standard to Add
Standard 6	120 $\mu\text{L}$	40 $\mu\text{L}$ of Standard 7
Standard 5	120 $\mu\text{L}$	40 $\mu\text{L}$ of Standard 6
Standard 4	120 $\mu\text{L}$	40 $\mu\text{L}$ of Standard 5
Standard 3	120 $\mu\text{L}$	40 $\mu\text{L}$ of Standard 4
Standard 2	120 $\mu\text{L}$	40 $\mu\text{L}$ of Standard 3
Standard 1	120 $\mu\text{L}$	40 $\mu\text{L}$ of Standard 2



<b>Standard</b>	<b>EGF (pg/mL)</b>	<b>MIP-1<math>\alpha</math>, IL-1<math>\beta</math>, IP-10, Fractalkine, TNF<math>\alpha</math> (pg/mL)</b>
Standard 1	0.2	2.4
Standard 2	1.0	9.8
Standard 3	3.9	39.1
Standard 4	15.6	156.3
Standard 5	62.5	625.0
Standard 6	250.0	2,500.0
Standard 7	1,000.0	10,000.0

<b>Standard</b>	<b>G-CSF, Eotaxin, IL-4, IL-13, IL-5, VEGF, RANTES (pg/mL)</b>	<b>IL-10, IL-17A, (pg/mL)</b>	<b>GM-CSF, IL-1<math>\alpha</math>, IL-2, IL-12p70, IL-18 (pg/mL)</b>
Standard 1	4.9	7.3	12.2
Standard 2	19.5	29.3	48.8
Standard 3	78.1	117.2	195.3
Standard 4	312.5	468.8	781.3
Standard 5	1,250.0	1,875.0	3,125.0
Standard 6	5,000.0	7,500.0	12,500.0
Standard 7	20,000.0	30,000.0	50,000.0

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Leptin, IFN<math>\gamma</math>, GRO/KC/ CINC-1 (pg/mL)</b>	<b>LIX, MIP-2 (pg/mL)</b>	<b>IL-6 (pg/mL)</b>	<b>MCP-1 (pg/mL)</b>
Standard 1	14.6	24.4	73.2	29.3
Standard 2	58.6	97.7	293.0	117.2
Standard 3	234.4	390.6	1,171.9	468.8
Standard 4	937.5	1,562.5	4,687.5	1,875.0
Standard 5	3,750.0	6,250.0	18,750.0	7,500.0
Standard 6	15,000.0	25,000.0	75,000.0	30,000.0
Standard 7	60,000.0	100,000.0	300,000.0	120,000.0

## 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), Standards 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.
- If using a filter plate, set the filter plate on a plate holder at all times during reagent dispensing and incubation steps so that the bottom of the plate does not touch any surface.

1. Add 200  $\mu$ L of Assay 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 Assay 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  $\mu$ L of each Standard or Control into the appropriate wells. Assay Buffer should be used for 0 ng/mL standard (Background).
4. Add 25  $\mu$ L of Assay Buffer to the sample wells.
5. Add 25  $\mu$ L of appropriate matrix solution to the background, standards, and control wells. When assaying serum or plasma, use the Serum Matrix. When assaying tissue culture or other supernatant, use proper control culture medium as the matrix solution.
6. Add 25  $\mu$ L of Sample (1:2 diluted) into the appropriate wells.
7. Vortex Mixing Bottle and add 25  $\mu$ 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 2 hours at room temperature (20-25°C).

Add 200  $\mu$ L Assay Buffer per well



Shake 10 min, RT  
Decant

- Add 25  $\mu$ L Standard or Control to appropriate wells
- Add 25  $\mu$ L Assay Buffer to background and sample wells
- Add 25  $\mu$ L appropriate matrix solution to background, standards, and control wells
- Add 25  $\mu$ L 1:2 diluted Samples to sample wells
- Add 25  $\mu$ L Beads to each well



Incubate 2 hours at RT

9. Gently remove well contents and wash plate 2 times following instructions listed in the **PLATE WASHING** section.
10. Add 25  $\mu\text{L}$  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°C). **DO NOT ASPIRATE AFTER INCUBATION.**
12. Add 25  $\mu\text{L}$  Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin to each well containing the 25  $\mu\text{L}$  of Detection Antibodies.
13. Seal, cover with foil and incubate with agitation on a plate shaker for 30 minutes at room temperature (20-25°C).
14. Gently remove well contents and wash plate 2 times following instructions listed in the **PLATE WASHING** section.
15. Add 125  $\mu\text{L}$  of Sheath Fluid (or Drive Fluid if using MAGPIX<sup>®</sup>) to all wells. Resuspend the beads on a plate shaker for 5 minutes.
16. Run plate on Luminex 200<sup>™</sup>, HTS, FLEXMAP 3D<sup>™</sup> or MAGPIX<sup>®</sup> with xPONENT 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, multiply the calculated concentration by the dilution factor.)



Remove well contents and wash 2X with 200  $\mu\text{L}$  Wash Buffer

Add 25  $\mu\text{L}$  Detection Antibodies per well



Incubate 1 hour at RT

Do Not Aspirate

Add 25  $\mu\text{L}$  Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin per well



Incubate for 30 minutes at RT

Remove well contents and wash 2X with 200  $\mu\text{L}$  Wash Buffer

Add 125  $\mu\text{L}$  Sheath Fluid or Drive Fluid per well

Read on Luminex (100  $\mu\text{L}$ , 50 beads per bead set)

## PLATE WASHING

### 1.) Solid Plate

If using a solid plate, use either a hand-held magnet or magnetic plate washer.

- A.) For hand-held magnet, 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  $\mu$ 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.
- B.) For magnetic plate washer, let plate “soak” on magnet for 60 seconds to allow complete settling of the magnetic beads. Remove well contents by aspiration. Wash plate with 200  $\mu$ L/well of Wash Buffer, letting beads “soak” for 60 seconds and removing Wash Buffer by aspiration after each wash. Repeat wash steps as recommended in Assay Procedure. **Note:** If using the recommended plate washer for magnetic beads (Bio-Tek ELx405) follow the appropriate equipment settings outlined in **EQUIPMENT SETTINGS**.

### 2.) Filter Plate (EMD Millipore Cat #MX-PLATE)

If using a filter plate, use a vacuum filtration manifold to remove well contents. Wash plate with 200  $\mu$ L/well of Wash Buffer, removing Wash Buffer by vacuum filtration after each wash. Repeat wash steps as recommended in the Assay Procedure.

## EQUIPMENT SETTINGS

### Bio-Tek ELx405:

The general recommended wash protocol (Link Protocol) is as follows:

Soak Program:      Wash Program:  
Soak →              Aspirate→Dispense→Soak→Aspirate→Dispense→Soak→Aspirate

#### 1.) Soak program:

1. Soak duration: 60 sec
2. Shake before soak?: NO

#### 2.) Wash program:

Method:

1. Number of cycles: 2
2. Soak/shake: YES
3. Soak duration: 60 sec
4. Shake before soak: NO
5. Prime after soak: NO

## EQUIPMENT SETTINGS (continued)

### Dispense:

1. Dispense volume: 200  $\mu$ L/well
2. Dispense flow rate: 5
3. Dispense height: 130 (16.51 mm)
4. Horizontal disp pos: 00 (0 mm)
5. Disable Aspirate: YES
6. Bottom Wash first?: NO
7. Prime before start?: NO

### Aspiration:

1. Aspirate height: 35 (4.445 mm)
2. Horizontal Asp Pos: 30 (1.372 mm)
3. Aspiration rate: 06 (15.0 mm/sec)
4. Aspiration delay: 0
5. Crosswise Aspir: NO
6. Final Aspir: YES
7. Final Aspir delay: 0 (0 msec)

- 3.) Link program: (**Note:** this is the program to use during actual plate washing).  
Link together the Soak and Wash programs outlined above.

**Note:** After the final aspiration, there will be approximately 25  $\mu$ 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 ELx405, please refer to the manufacturer's recommendations for programming instructions.**

Luminex 200™, HTS, FLEXMAP 3D™ and MAGPIX® with xPONENT software:

These specifications are for the Luminex 200™, Luminex HTS, Luminex FLEXMAP 3D™ and Luminex MAGPIX® with xPonent software. Luminex instruments with other software (e.g. MasterPlex, StarStation, LiquiChip, Bio-Plex, LABScan100) would need to follow instrument instructions for gate settings and additional specifications from the vendors for reading Luminex Magnetic Beads.

For magnetic bead assays, the Luminex 200™ and HTS instruments must be calibrated with the xPonent 3.1 compatible Calibration Kit (EMD Millipore Cat #40-275) and performance verified with the Performance Verification Kit (EMD Millipore Cat #40-276). The Luminex FLEXMAP 3D™ instrument must be calibrated with the FLEXMAP 3D™ Calibrator Kit (EMD Millipore Cat #40-028) and performance verified with the FLEXMAP 3D™ Performance Verification Kit (EMD Millipore Cat #40-029). The Luminex MAGPIX® instrument must be calibrated with the MAGPIX® Calibration Kit (EMD Millipore Cat #40-049) and performance verified with the MAGPIX® Performance Verification Kit (EMD Millipore Cat #40-050).

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



## EQUIPMENT SETTINGS (continued)

The Luminex probe height must be adjusted to the plate provided in the kit. Please use Cat #MAG-PLATE, if additional plates are required for this purpose.

Events:	50, per bead	
Sample Size:	100 $\mu$ L	
Gate Settings:	8,000 to 15,000	
Reporter Gain:	Default (low PMT)	
Time Out:	60 seconds	
Bead Set:	Customizable 27-Plex Beads	
	G-CSF	13
	Eotaxin	14
	GM-CSF	18
	IL-1 $\alpha$	19
	Leptin	22
	MIP-1 $\alpha$	33
	IL-4	34
	IL-1 $\beta$	35
	IL-2	36
	IL-6	37
	EGF	38
	IL-13	39
	IL-10	51
	IL-12p70	52
	IFN $\gamma$	53
	IL-5	55
	IL-17A	56
	IL-18	57
	MCP-1	62
	IP-10	65
	GRO/KC/CINC-	72
	VEGF	73
	Fractalkine	74
	LIX	75
	MIP-2	76
	TNF $\alpha$	77
	RANTES	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 the EMD Millipore Corporation website

[www.millipore.com/techlibrary/index.do](http://www.millipore.com/techlibrary/index.do) using the catalog 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. 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	2 Hour Protocol (n = 11 Assays)	
	MinDC (pg/mL)	MinDC+2SD (pg/mL)
G-CSF	1.8	4.0
Eotaxin	3.2	7.5
GM-CSF	6.8	16.8
IL-1 $\alpha$	4.2	7.0
Leptin	10.2	32.3
MIP-1 $\alpha$	0.8	2.1
IL-4	3.1	9.4
IL-1 $\beta$	2.8	7.0
IL-2	5.4	14.0
IL-6	30.7	86.2
EGF	0.3	1.6
IL-13	2.4	8.5
IL-10	2.7	6.9
IL-12p70	3.3	8.3
IFN $\gamma$	6.2	15.3
IL-5	7.4	16.5
IL-17A	2.3	4.5
IL-18	6.2	12.5
MCP-1	9.0	21.8
IP-10	1.4	3.5
GRO/KC/CINC-1	19.7	23.8
VEGF	2.6	8.6
Fractalkine	0.7	1.5
LIX	20.9	60.8
MIP-2	11.3	26.7
TNF $\alpha$	1.9	7.2
RANTES	1.3	2.7

## Precision

Intra-assay precision is generated from the mean of the %CV's from 8 reportable results across two different concentrations of analytes in a single assay. Inter-assay precision is generated from the mean of the %CV's across two different concentrations of analytes across 11 different assays.

Analyte	2 Hour Protocol	
	Intra-assay %CV	Inter-assay %CV
G-CSF	2.7	11.5
Eotaxin	3.1	9.9
GM-CSF	2.2	7.4
IL-1 $\alpha$	2.2	4.8
Leptin	3.4	14.3
MIP-1 $\alpha$	4.3	9.3
IL-4	3.1	10.7
IL-1 $\beta$	3.6	11.3
IL-2	3.2	13.3
IL-6	2.3	12.7
EGF	3.6	6.3
IL-13	2.2	8.4
IL-10	3.8	9.0
IL-12p70	2.2	7.8
IFN $\gamma$	2.7	12.4
IL-5	2.8	22.7
IL-17A	3.2	9.2
IL-18	2.5	11.1
MCP-1	2.3	9.2
IP-10	3.5	12.2
GRO/KC/CINC-1	5.4	7.7
VEGF	2.9	6.0
Fractalkine	2.2	6.4
LIX	4.8	24.8
MIP-2	2.9	7.7
TNF $\alpha$	2.7	10.8
RANTES	6.3	17.1

## 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	2 Hour Protocol
	% Recovery in Serum Matrix
G-CSF	99.3
Eotaxin	95.3
GM-CSF	93.0
IL-1 $\alpha$	85.2
Leptin	101.6
MIP-1 $\alpha$	92.3
IL-4	97.9
IL-1 $\beta$	94.0
IL-2	97.2
IL-6	93.9
EGF	88.0
IL-13	89.8
IL-10	99.3
IL-12p70	92.6
IFN $\gamma$	89.2
IL-5	85.8
IL-17A	89.8
IL-18	97.2
MCP-1	80.2
IP-10	103.9
GRO/KC/CINC-1	97.9
VEGF	92.1
Fractalkine	93.4
LIX	130.6
MIP-2	96.1
TNF $\alpha$	86.0
RANTES	95.7

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Insufficient Bead Count	<p>Plate Washer aspirate height set too low</p> <p>Bead mix prepared inappropriately</p> <p>Samples cause interference due to particulate matter or viscosity</p> <p>Probe height not adjusted correctly</p>	<p>Adjust aspiration height according to manufacturers' instructions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>See above. Also sample probe may need to be cleaned with Alcohol flush, Back flush and washes; or if needed probe should be removed and sonicated.</p> <p>When reading the assay on Luminex 200™, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex to the kit solid plate using 4 alignment discs. When reading the assay on FLEXMAP 3D™, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex to the kit solid plate using 1 alignment disc. When reading the assay on MAGPIX, adjust probe height according to the protocols recommended by Luminex to the kit solid plate using 2 alignment discs.</p>
Background is too high	<p>Background wells were contaminated</p> <p>Matrix used has endogenous analyte or interference</p> <p>Insufficient washes</p>	<p>Avoid cross-well contamination by using sealer appropriately, and pipeting with Multichannel pipets without touching reagent in plate.</p> <p>Check matrix ingredients for cross reacting components (e.g. interleukin modified tissue culture medium).</p> <p>Increase number of washes.</p>
Beads not in region or gate	<p>Luminex not calibrated correctly or recently</p> <p>Gate Settings not adjusted correctly</p> <p>Wrong bead regions in protocol template</p> <p>Incorrect sample type used</p> <p>Instrument not washed or primed</p> <p>Beads were exposed to light</p>	<p>Calibrate Luminex based on Instrument Manufacturer's instructions, at least once a week or if temperature has changed by &gt;3°C.</p> <p>Some Luminex instruments (e.g. Bioplex) require different gate settings than those described in the Kit protocol. Use Instrument default settings.</p> <p>Check kit protocol for correct bead regions or analyte selection.</p> <p>Samples containing organic solvents or if highly viscous should be diluted or dialyzed as required.</p> <p>Prime the Luminex 4 times to rid of air bubbles, wash 4 times with sheath fluid or water if there is any remnant alcohol or sanitizing liquid.</p> <p>Keep plate and bead mix covered with dark lid or aluminum foil during all incubation steps.</p>

Signal for whole plate is same as background	<p>Incorrect or no Detection Antibody was added</p> <p>Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin was not added</p>	<p>Add appropriate Detection Antibody and continue.</p> <p>Add Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin according to protocol. If Detection Antibody has already been removed, sensitivity may be low.</p>
Low signal for standard curve	<p>Detection Antibody may have been removed prior to adding Streptavidin Phycoerythrin</p> <p>Incubations done at inappropriate temperatures, timings or agitation</p>	<p>May need to repeat assay if desired sensitivity not achieved.</p> <p>Assay conditions need to be checked.</p>
Signals too high, standard curves are saturated	<p>Calibration target value set too high</p> <p>Plate incubation was too long with standard curve and samples</p>	<p>With some Luminex Instrument (e.g. Bio-plex) Default target setting for RP1 calibrator is set at High PMT. Use low target value for calibration and reanalyze plate.</p> <p>Use shorter incubation time.</p>
Sample readings are out of range	<p>Samples contain no or below detectable levels of analyte</p> <p>Samples contain analyte concentrations higher than highest standard point. Standard curve was saturated at higher end of curve.</p>	<p>If below detectable levels, it may be possible to use higher sample volume. Check with tech support for appropriate protocol modifications.</p> <p>Samples may require dilution and reanalysis for just that particular analyte.</p> <p>See above.</p>
High Variation in samples and/or standards	<p>Multichannel pipet may not be calibrated</p> <p>Plate washing was not uniform</p> <p>Samples may have high particulate matter or other interfering substances</p> <p>Plate agitation was insufficient</p> <p>Cross well contamination</p>	<p>Calibrate pipets.</p> <p>Confirm all reagents are removed completely in all wash steps.</p> <p>See above.</p> <p>Plate should be agitated during all incubation steps using a vertical plate shaker at a speed where beads are in constant motion without causing splashing.</p> <p>Check when reusing plate sealer that no reagent has touched sealer.</p> <p>Care should be taken when using same pipet tips that are used for reagent additions and that pipet tip does not touch reagent in plate.</p>
<b>FOR FILTER PLATES ONLY</b>		
Filter plate will not vacuum	<p>Vacuum pressure is insufficient</p> <p>Samples have insoluble particles</p> <p>High lipid concentration</p>	<p>Increase vacuum pressure such that 0.2 mL buffer can be suctioned in 3-5 seconds.</p> <p>Centrifuge samples just prior to assay setup and use supernatant.</p> <p>After centrifugation, remove lipid layer and use supernatant.</p>

<p>Plate leaked</p>	<p>Vacuum Pressure too high</p> <p>Plate set directly on table or absorbent towels during incubations or reagent additions</p> <p>Insufficient blotting of filter plate bottom causing wicking</p> <p>Pipette touching plate filter during additions</p> <p>Probe height not adjusted correctly</p> <p>Sample too viscous</p>	<p>Adjust vacuum pressure such that 0.2 mL buffer can be suctioned in 3-5 seconds. May need to transfer contents to a new (blocked) plate and continue.</p> <p>Set plate on plate holder or raised edge so bottom of filter is not touching any surface.</p> <p>Blot the bottom of the filter plate well with absorbent towels after each wash step.</p> <p>Pipette to the side of plate.</p> <p>Adjust probe to 3 alignment discs in well H6.</p> <p>May need to dilute sample.</p>
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## REPLACEMENT REAGENTS

## Catalog #

Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Standard	RCYT-8065
Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Quality Controls 1 and 2	RCYT-6065
Serum Matrix	MXMSM-4
Bead Diluent	LBD
Rat Cytokine / Chemokine Detection Antibodies	RCYT-1065
Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin	L-SAPE10
Assay Buffer	L-MAB
Set of two 96-Well plates with sealers	MAG-PLATE
10X Wash Buffer	L-WB

## Antibody-Immobilized Magnetic Beads

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Bead #</u>	<u>Cat. #</u>
G-CSF	13	MGCSF-MAG
Eotaxin	14	HETXN-MAG
GM-CSF	18	RGMCSF-MAG
IL-1 $\alpha$	19	RIL1A-MAG
Leptin	22	RCYLPTN-MAG
MIP-1 $\alpha$	33	RMIP1A-MAG
IL-4	34	RIL4-MAG
IL-1 $\beta$	35	RCYL1B-MAG
IL-2	36	RIL2-MAG
IL-6	37	RCYL6-MAG
EGF	38	REGF-MAG
IL-13	39	RIL13-MAG
IL-10	51	RIL10-MAG
IL-12p70	52	RIL12P70-MAG
IFN $\gamma$	53	RIFNG-MAG
IL-5	55	HIL5-MAG
IL-17A	56	MIL17-MAG
IL-18	57	RIL18-MAG
MCP-1	62	MCYMCP1-MAG
IP-10	65	RIP10-MAG
GRO/KC/CINC-1	72	REGRKC-MAG
VEGF	73	REVEGF-MAG
Fractalkine	74	RFKN-MAG
LIX	75	RLIX-MAG
MIP-2	76	RMIP2-MAG
TNF $\alpha$	77	MCYTNFA-MAG
RANTES	78	RRNTS-MAG



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## WELL MAP

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	0 ng/mL Standard (Background)	Standard 4	QC-1 Control	Etc.								
B	0 ng/mL Standard (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									