Assay Kit For Cellaca® PLX

Cellaca® PLX, anti-human CD3 APC / CD4 PE

Total Cell Kit

CSK-A0012-1 (25 Tests)
CSK-A0012-2 (100 Tests)
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1. Introduction

1.1. Description

CD3/CD4 surface marker reagents with a total dye (Hoechst) are designed for researchers interested in acquiring data on two surface marker populations, as each patient and cell line derived sample can be unique. The Cellaca® PLX provides users with fluorescent and bright field images of their Hoechst and CD3/CD4 stained cells. Data can be automatically exported from PLX Matrix software into FCS Express software templates with preset gates for rapid data analysis.

1.2. Kit contents

This kit assesses CD3/CD4 populations with Hoechst as a total dye on the Cellaca® PLX. The anti-human CD3 antibody is conjugated with APC and the anti-human CD4 antibody is conjugated with PE. See table below for kit components and corresponding surface markers with their respective isotype controls.

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<td>APC anti-human CD3 (HIT3α) (Component A)</td>
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<td>CD3-APC + CD4-PE +</td>
<td>PE anti-human CD4 (RPA-T4) (Component B)</td>
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<td>APC Mouse IgG2a Isotype (Component C)</td>
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<td>PE Mouse IgG1 Isotype (Component D)</td>
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<td>Hoechst 33342 (Component E)</td>
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1.3. Required Materials

1.3.1. Cellaca® PLX instrument
1.3.2. Nexcelom-provided Laptop with Matrix 5.0 Software or above (pre-installed)
1.3.3. FCS Express software (pre-installed on Nexcelom-provided laptop)
1.3.4. Cellaca® PLX Low Fluorescence Slides (Cat. # CHM2-ACR)
1.3.5. Cellaca® PLX slide holder
1.3.6. Reagents provided in kit CSK-A0012
1.3.7. 1X Phosphate Buffered Saline
1.3.8. Microcentrifuge tubes
1.3.9. Cell culture media
1.3.10. Cells or PBMC’s
2. Staining Procedure for CD3 APC / CD4 PE with Hoechst

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<td>PE anti-human CD4 (RPA-T4) (Component B)</td>
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For each sample:

1. For a single sample, prepare 2 microcentrifuge tubes with $1 \times 10^6$ PBMCs/cells each
   
   NOTE 1: For $1 \times 10^6$ cells, take 1 mL of $1 \times 10^6$ cells/mL
   
   NOTE 2: For multiple samples, prepare 2 tubes each

2. Label tubes, accordingly, one for staining with antibodies (Ab) and one for isotype control (Ctrl) staining for each distinct sample

3. Centrifuge cells at 1200 rpm for 5 minutes

4. Remove supernatant from all tubes avoiding cell pellets

5. Dilute Hoechst 33342 by adding 1 µL of Hoechst 33342 (Component E) to 19 µL 1X PBS
   
   NOTE: 1:20 dilution for 1 mM working stock

6. Resuspend the cell pellets from all tubes in 90 µL of cell culture media
   
   NOTE: Staining with PBS results in dimmer signal

7. For staining cells in Ab tubes, add the following, and mix well:
   
   - 5 µL of CD3 APC (Component A)
   - 5 µL of CD4 PE (Component B)
   - 1 µL of Hoechst 33342 (diluted from step 5)

   NOTE: If testing 2-4 samples, we recommend creating a master mix, according to the table below. After adding all components to form the master mix, add 10.5 µL of the master mix stain to each Ab tube and mix well.

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<tr>
<td>CD3 APC (Component A)</td>
<td>10 µL</td>
<td>15 µL</td>
<td>20 µL</td>
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<tr>
<td>CD4 PE (Component B)</td>
<td>10 µL</td>
<td>15 µL</td>
<td>20 µL</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hoechst working stock</td>
<td>2 µL</td>
<td>3 µL</td>
<td>4 µL</td>
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(Diluted from step 5)
8. For staining cells in **Ctrl tubes**, add the following, and mix well:
   - 1.2 µL of **IgG2a APC** (Component C)
   - 2.5 µL of **IgG1 PE** (Component D)
   - 1 µL of Hoechst 33342 (diluted from step 5)

   **NOTE:** If testing 2-4 samples, we recommend creating an isotype control master mix, according to the table below. After adding all components to form the isotype control master mix, add 4.5 µL of the isotype control master mix stain to each **Ctrl tube** and mix well.

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<tr>
<td>IgG2a APC</td>
<td>2.5 µL</td>
<td>3.7 µL</td>
<td>5 µL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IgG1 PE</td>
<td>5 µL</td>
<td>7.5 µL</td>
<td>10 µL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hoechst</td>
<td>2 µL</td>
<td>3 µL</td>
<td>4 µL</td>
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<tr>
<td>working stock</td>
<td>(Diluted</td>
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9. Incubate all tubes in the dark for 30 minutes at 4 °C

10. To each tube, add 200 µL of 1X PBS and mix well

11. Centrifuge cells at 1200 rpm for 5 minutes

12. Remove supernatant from each tube avoiding cell pellets

13. Resuspend each cell pellet in 100 µL of cell culture media

   **NOTE:** Resuspension in 1X PBS results in dimmer signal

14. Mix samples thoroughly by pipetting up and down a few times

15. Load 15 µL of sample from **Ab tube** into side A of the slide

   **NOTE 1:** Loading samples in wrong side results in incorrect sample output in FCS Express

   **NOTE 2:** Repeat for any additional samples prepared

16. Load 15 µL of sample from **Ctrl tube** into side B of the slide

   **NOTE:** Repeat for any additional samples prepared

17. To image replicates from the same sample, load another slide following steps 15 and 16

18. Place slides into slide holder, with side A at the top, as shown in the diagram

   **NOTE:** Notched edge of the slide holder is the top left

19. Proceed to section 4 for image and data acquisition

Add 1 x 10^6 cells/tube

1200 rpm, 5 min

Remove supernatant
Resuspend cell pellet in 90 µL of media
Add reagents*

Incubate 4°C, 30 min

Add 200 µL 1X PBS

1200 rpm, 5 min

Resuspend with 100 µL media

Load samples into slides and image on Cellaca® PLX

* Dilute Hoechst 1:20 in 1X PBS

* For Ab tubes:

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<td>5 µL</td>
<td>10 µL</td>
<td>15 µL</td>
<td>20 µL</td>
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<td>CD4 PE</td>
<td>5 µL</td>
<td>10 µL</td>
<td>15 µL</td>
<td>20 µL</td>
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Add 10.5 µL of the master mix to each tube

* For Ctrl tubes:

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<td>2.5 µL</td>
<td>3.7 µL</td>
<td>5 µL</td>
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<td>IgG1 PE</td>
<td>2.5 µL</td>
<td>5 µL</td>
<td>7.5 µL</td>
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<td>1 µL</td>
<td>2 µL</td>
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Add 4.5 µL of the master mix to each tube
4. Cellaca® PLX Image and Data Acquisition

4.1. Initiate software and load samples

4.1.1. Start the Matrix software by double-clicking the icon on the desktop of the operating computer

4.1.2. Software will direct you to the Acquire, Setup tab by default

4.1.3. Click Eject to open the instrument stage

**NOTE:** Button located at the top of the Acquire tab

4.1.4. Place the slide holder containing slide(s) into the ejected stage

**NOTE:** Align the notched edge of the holder in the upper left corner

4.1.5. Click the Load button to retract the instrument stage

4.2. Assay Selection

4.2.1. In Setup Details, type in a Plate Name

4.2.2. Select Assay from the dropdown

4.2.3. To edit or review assay settings, click the blue View tab to the right of the assay selection

**NOTE:** See Assay Settings, Cell Type Parameters, and Auto Export Data and Images sections in the Appendix for detailed information regarding assay, cell parameters, and report/export information, respectively.

4.3. Well Details and Assign Well Names

4.3.1. In Well Details:

4.3.1.1. Select “4 Slides (CHM2-ACR)” as the Plate Type
4.3.2. In **Well Selection**, select the well(s) to be imaged

*NOTE 1*: Selected samples will turn orange

*NOTE 2*: To select or clear multiple wells, click a well and hold/drag your mouse to encompass other wells. To select or clear all wells, click the button.

4.3.3. To assign **Well Names**, click the downward facing arrow

4.3.3.1. Type in well/sample name(s)

4.4. **Reports and Exports**

4.4.1. Click the downward facing arrow to open the reports and exports details

4.4.2. In **Location**, click on the browse button to select or create an export location.

*NOTE*: Images and data selected to be exported will have a blue checkmark

4.5. **Preview Samples**

4.5.1. Click the **Preview** button to view the sample

4.5.2. In **Focus**, click **Auto Focus** to focus the sample in Brightfield for Channel 1

*NOTE*: If needed, manual focusing can be done using **double arrows** for coarse and **single arrow** for fine adjustments
4.5.3. Once the sample is focused, click the FL button to preview Channel 1 fluorescence
4.5.3.1. Adjust exposure times as needed

**NOTE:** See Recommended Surface Marker and Total Dye Exposure Times and Filter Pairs in the Appendix

4.5.4. Select subsequent fluorescence channels using the Preview dropdown menu
4.5.5. Click the FL button to preview the fluorescence in each channel and adjust exposure times as needed
4.5.6. Click the Count button when ready to acquire and analyze samples

**4.6. FCS Express**

4.6.1. FCS Express will automatically initialize and populate with data generated from this scan
4.6.2. In the data list, confirm that your samples in the File Name column are in the correct order according to the Tube column (Ex: Sample 1 and Sample 1 Isotype as object_A1.acs and object_B1.acs, respectively)
**NOTE 1:** If samples are not in the correct order, use the up and down arrows to move them to the correct location.

**NOTE 2:** If samples are not in the correct order data will not be accurate.

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<td>1 (Isotype)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2 (Sample 2)</td>
<td>object_02.mcs</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>2 (Isotype)</td>
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5. Additional Resources

5.1. Storage and Handling
Store each product at 4 °C, protected from light. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for more safety information, found on [www.nexcelom.com/Products](http://www.nexcelom.com/Products).

5.2. Warranty
This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not approved for diagnostic or therapeutic use. Product is warranted to meet the specifications outlined in the Certificate of Analysis when stored and used according to the manufacturer’s instructions. No other warranty, expressed or implied (such as merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement), is granted. Warranty is valid until the expiration date stated on the product label.

Warranty will be void if product is stored incorrectly, the recommended protocol is not followed, or the product is used for a different application.

5.3. Ordering Information/Support
When ordering with a Purchase Order:
- Fax a copy of the order to 978-327-5341
- Email a copy of the order to Cellc-sales@perkinelmer.com
- Email support at Cellc-support@perkinelmer.com
6. Appendix

6.1. Assay Settings

6.1.1. To edit or review assay settings, click the View button next to the selected assay.

6.1.2. Click the downward facing arrow in Imaging and Analysis to edit or review settings.

**NOTE**: Below are the default assay settings for the Cellaca® PLX, anti-human CD3 APC / CD4 PE Total Cell Kit.
**NOTE:** Below are the default Imaging Parameters for each channel in the Cellaca® PLX, anti-human CD3 APC / CD4 PE Total Cell Kit

6.2. Cell Type Parameters

6.2.1 To edit or review assay settings, click the **View** button next to the selected assay.

6.2.2 Click the downward facing arrow in **Imaging and Analysis** to edit or review settings.

6.2.3 In **Imaging Parameters**, ensure Channel 1 is selected to view **Cell Type Parameters**.

6.2.4 Ensure that the **Cell Type Parameter** selected corresponds to the kit being used.

6.2.5 To edit or review Cell Type Parameters, click the **View** button.
**NOTE:** Below are the default Cell Parameters for the Cellaca® PLX, anti-human CD3 APC / CD4 PE Total Cell Kit

### Brightfield Parameters

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6.3. Auto Export Data and Images

6.3.1 To edit or review assay settings, click the View button next to the selected assay.

6.3.2 Click the downward facing arrow in Reports and Exports to edit or review settings.

6.3.3 In Display, ensure the correct display is selected.

6.3.4 In Exports, select what you would like to be automatically exported after each scan when using this assay.

6.3.4.1 For automatic export to FCS Express for surface marker analysis, select Object Level ACS, ensure Use Template is selected, and that the appropriate Template is selected, with the Auto Open button selected.
6.4. Recommended Surface Marker and Total Dye Exposure Times and Filter Pairs

Recommended imaging parameters and exposure times (with ranges) for CD3 and CD4 surface markers with Hoechst on Cellaca® PLX Low Fluorescence slides. Exposure times may require optimization due to the individuality of each patient sample or cell line.

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<th>Assay Default Exposure Time (ms) (Recommended range)</th>
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<td>365 / 452</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Hoechst</td>
<td>600 (400 – 800)</td>
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<td>531 / 605</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>CD4 PE</td>
<td>1,000 (800 – 1,500)</td>
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<td>620 / 692</td>
<td>Far Red</td>
<td>CD3 APC</td>
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