Quantibody® Human Cytokine Antibody Array 4000

A combination of 5 non-overlapping arrays to quantitatively measure 200 human cytokines

Catalog #: QAH-CAA-4000

User Manual
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I. Overview

Cytokines Detected (200)	Arrays Included: QAH-INF-3 (40); QAH-GF-1 (40); QAH-CHE-1 (40); QAH-REC-1 (40); QAH-CYT-4 (40) *See Section IX for Array Map*
Format	One standard glass slide is spotted with 16 wells of identical cytokine antibody arrays. Each antibody is arrayed in quadruplicate.
Detection Method	Fluorescence. Go to www.RayBiotech.com/Scanners for a list of compatible laser scanners.
Sample Volume	50 - 100 µl per array
Reproducibility	CV <20%
Assay Duration	6 hours

II. Introduction

Cytokines play an important role in innate immunity, apoptosis, angiogenesis, cell growth and differentiation. They are involved in interactions between different cell types, cellular responses to environmental conditions, and maintenance of homeostasis. In addition, cytokines are also involved in most disease processes, including cancer and cardiac diseases.

The traditional method for cytokine detection and quantification is through the use of an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). In this method, target protein is immobilized to a solid support. The immobilized protein is then complexed with an antibody that is linked to an enzyme. Detection of the enzyme complex can then be visualized through the use of a substrate that produces a detectable signal. While this traditional method works well for a single protein, the overall procedure is time consuming and requires a relatively high volume of sample. Thus, conservation of precious small sample quantities becomes a challenging task. Innovations in microarray technology over the last decade have addressed this problem. A long-standing leader in the field, Raybiotech, has pioneered the development of cytokine antibody arrays, which have now been widely applied in the research community with hundreds of peer reviewed publications, including top-tier journals such as *Cell* and *Nature*.

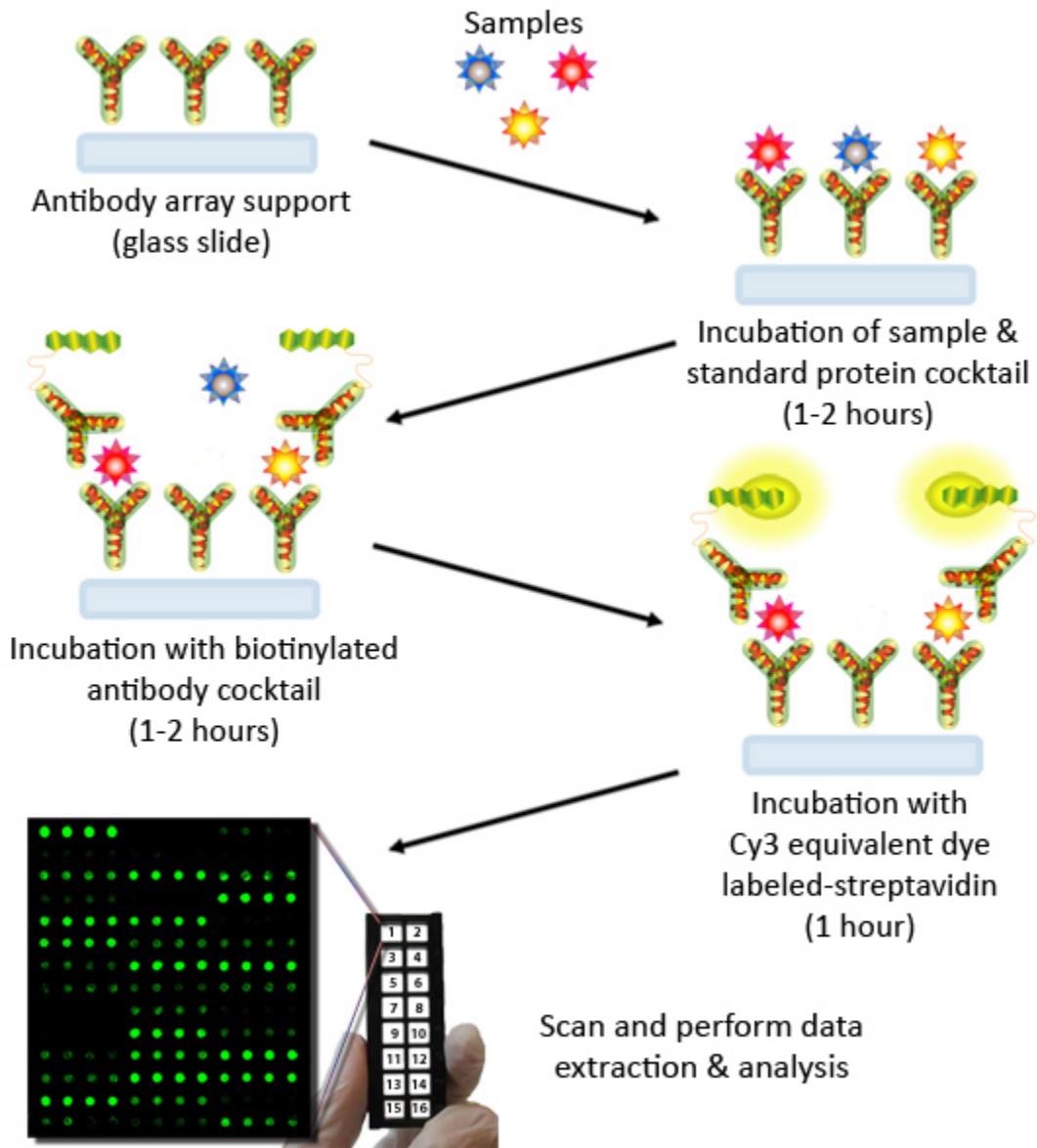The Quantibody® array, our multiplexed sandwich ELISA-based quantitative array platform, enables researchers to accurately determine the concentration of multiple cytokines simultaneously. It combines the advantages of the high detection sensitivity & specificity of ELISA and the high throughput of arrays.

Like a traditional sandwich-based ELISA, it uses a pair of cytokine specific antibodies for detection. A capture antibody is first bound to the glass surface. After incubation with the sample, the target cytokine is trapped on the solid surface. A second biotin-labeled detection antibody is then added, which can recognize a different epitope of the target cytokine. The cytokine-antibody-biotin complex can then be visualized through the addition of the streptavidin-conjugated Cy3 equivalent dye, using a laser scanner. Unlike the traditional ELISA, Quantibody products use an array format. By arraying multiple cytokine specific capture antibodies onto a glass support, quantitative, multiplex detection of cytokines in one experiment is made possible.

In detail, one standard glass slide is divided into 16 wells of identical cytokine antibody arrays. Each antibody, together with the positive controls is arrayed in quadruplicate. The slide comes with a 16-well removable gasket which allows for the process of 16 samples on one slide. Four slides can be nested into a tray, which matches a standard microplate footprint and allows for automated robotic high throughput process of 64 arrays simultaneously. For cytokine quantification, the array specific cytokine standards, whose concentration has been predetermined, are provided to generate a standard curve for each cytokine. In a real experiment, standard cytokines and samples will be assayed in each array simultaneously through a sandwich ELISA procedure. By comparing signals from unknown samples to the standard curve, the cytokine concentration in the samples will be determined.

Quantibody® array kits have been confirmed to have similar detection sensitivity as traditional ELISA. Our current high density Quantibody kits allow scientists to quantitatively determine the concentration of 1000 human, 200 mouse, and 67 rat cytokines in a single experiment. This is not only one of the most efficient products on the market for cytokine quantification, but makes it more affordable for quantification of large number of proteins. Simultaneous detection of multiple cytokines undoubtedly provides a powerful tool for drug and biomarker discovery.

III. How It Works

Antibody array support
(glass slide)

Samples

Incubation of sample &
standard protein cocktail
(1-2 hours)

Incubation with biotinylated
antibody cocktail
(1-2 hours)

Incubation with
Cy3 equivalent dye
labeled-streptavidin
(1 hour)

Scan and perform data
extraction & analysis

IV. Materials Provided

This product is a combination of multiple arrays. Items 1, 5, & 6 are array-specific.

	Catalog #	Component Name	1 Slide Box	2 Slide Box*
1	*[Array-Cat-#]* S	*Array-specific* Glass Slide	1	2
2	QA-SDB	Quantibody® Sample Diluent	15 ml	
3	AA-WB1-30ML	20X Wash Buffer I	2 x 30 ml	3 x 30 ml
4	AA-WB2-30ML	20X Wash Buffer II	30 ml	
5	*[Array-Cat-#]* -STD	*Array-specific* Lyophilized Standard Mix**	1 Vial	
6	*[Array-Cat-#]* B	*Array-specific* Biotinylated Antibody Cocktail	1-25 µl	2 x 1-25 µl
7	QA-CY3E	Cy3 equivalent dye-conjugated Streptavidin	5 µl	2 x 5 µl
8	QA-SWD	Slide Washer/Dryer	1 x 30 ml Tube	
9	QA-ADH	Adhesive Film	1	2

* 4 slide kits are comprised of 2 separate 2 slide kits.
** See Section X for detailed cytokine concentrations after reconstitution.

V. Storage

Upon receipt, all components should be stored at -20°C. The kit will retain activity for up to 6 months. Once thawed, the glass slide, standard mix, antibody cocktail and dye-conjugated Streptavidin should be kept at -20°C. All other components may be stored at 4°C. The entire kit should be used within 6 months of purchase.

VI. Additional Materials Required

- Benchtop rocker or orbital rocker
- Laser scanner for fluorescence detection
- Aluminum foil
- Distilled water
- 1.5 ml Polypropylene microcentrifuge tubes

VII. General Considerations

A. Preparation of Samples

- Use serum-free conditioned media if possible.
- If serum-containing conditioned media is required, it is highly recommended that complete medium be used as a control since many types of sera contains cytokines.
- Each array needs 100 μl of total sample volume. To avoid matrix effects, we recommend using a minimum of 2-fold sample dilution of culture media, body fluids, or 0.5-1mg/ml total protein for lysates, after a 5-fold to 10-fold dilution to minimize the effects of any detergent(s). Please be aware, more sample volume is required for combination arrays. For example, the minimum sample volume for a 10-array kit is 500 μl, or 500 μg lysate.
- The suggested serum/plasma dilution for this array is: 2x

B. Handling Glass Slides

- Do not touch the surface of the slides, as the microarray slides are very sensitive. Hold the slides by the edges only.
- Handle all buffers and slides with powder free gloves.
- Handle glass slide/s in clean environment.
- Permanent marker ink can significantly interfere with fluorescent signal detection. To help distinguish one slide from another, you may make a small marking (such as a number or a star) along the top or bottom edge, using a green or blue ultra-fine point Sharpie$^{®}$ brand marker. This can also serve to orient the slide. For best results during scanning, please **DO NOT**:
  - Write anywhere on the front (arrayed) side of the slide
  - Write on the slide while it is wet
  - Use red or black colored ink anywhere on the slide
  - Write over the arrayed well areas of the slide, as this interferes with scanning.

C. Incubation

- Completely cover array area with sample or buffer during incubation.
- Avoid foaming during incubation steps.
- Perform all incubation and wash steps under gentle rocking or rotation.
- Cover the incubation chamber with adhesive film during incubation, particularly when incubation is more than 2 hours or <70 μl of sample or reagent is used.

- Several incubation steps such as step 6 (blocking), step 7 (sample incubation), step 10 (detection antibody incubation), or step 13 (Cy3 equivalent dye-streptavidin incubation) may be done overnight at 4°C. Please make sure to cover the incubation chamber tightly to prevent evaporation.

VIII. Protocol

Note: This product contains sets of reagents for different arrays. Always ensure you are using the proper glass slide, lyophilized standard mix, and biotinylated antibody cocktail for the correct corresponding array.
The following procedure is for processing any one of the arrays in the kit.

A. Completely Air Dry The Glass Slide

1. Take out the glass slide from the box, and let it equilibrate to room temperature inside the sealed plastic bag for 20-30 minutes. Remove slide from the plastic bag, peel off the cover film, and let it air dry for another 1-2 hours.

Incomplete drying of slides before use may cause the formation of "comet tails," thin directional smearing of antibody spots.

B. Prepare Cytokine Standard Dilutions

There is only one vial of standard provided in the two-slide kit, which is enough for making two standard curves. Reconstitute the lyophilized standard within one hour of usage. If you must use the standard for two different days, store only the Std1 dilution at -80°C.
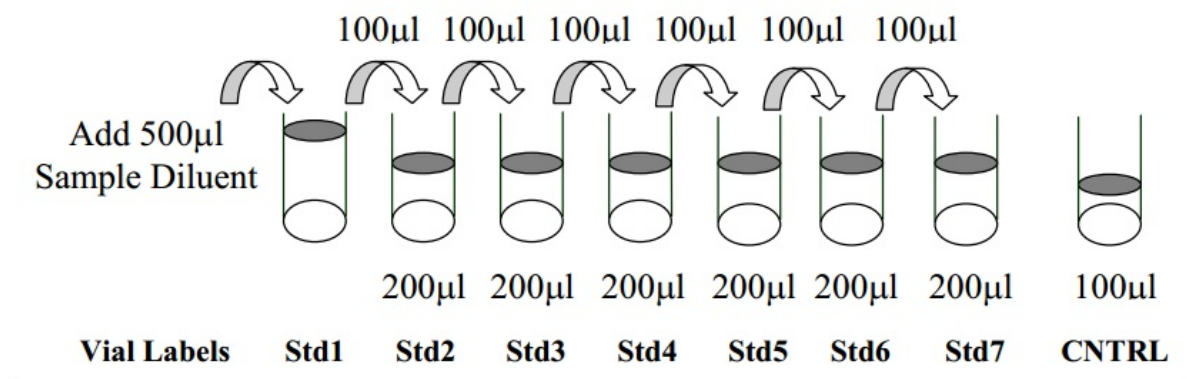
2. Reconstitute the Cytokine Standard Mix (lyophilized) by adding 500 µl Sample Diluent to the tube. For best recovery, always quick-spin vial prior to opening. Dissolve the powder thoroughly by a gentle mix. Labeled the tube as Std1.

3. Label 6 clean microcentrifuge tubes as Std2 to Std7. Add 200 µl Sample Diluent to each of the tubes.

4. Pipette 100 µl Std1 into tube Std2 and mix gently. Perform 5 more serial dilutions by adding 100 µl Std2 to tube Std3 and so on.

5. Add 100 µl Sample Diluent to another tube labeled as CNTRL. Do not add standard cytokines or samples to the CNTRL tube, which will be used as negative control. For best results, include a set of standards in each slide.

Since the starting concentration of each cytokine is different, the serial concentrations from Std1 to Std7 for each cytokine are varied which can be found in Section X.

C. Blocking & Incubation

6. Add 100 µl Sample Diluent into each well and incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes to block slides.

7. Decant buffer from each well. Add 100 µl standard cytokines or samples to each well. Incubate arrays at room temperature for 1-2 hour.

Longer incubation time is preferable for higher signals. This step may be done overnight at 4°C.

We recommend using 50 to 100 µl of original or diluted serum, plasma, conditioned media, or other body fluid, or 250 µg/ml-1 mg/ml of protein for cell and tissue lysates. Cover the incubation chamber with adhesive film during incubation, especially if less than 70 ul of sample or reagent is used.

8. Wash:

- Decant the samples from each well, and wash 5 times (5 min each) with 150 μl of 1X Wash Buffer I at room temperature with gentle rocking. Completely remove wash buffer in each wash step. Dilute 20x Wash Buffer I with H2O.

- *(Optional for Cell and Tissue Lysates)* Put the glass slide with frame into a box with 1X Wash Buffer I (cover the whole glass slide and frame with Wash Buffer I), and wash at room temperature with gentle rocking for 20 min.

- Decant the 1x Wash Buffer I from each well, wash 2 times (5 min each) with 150 μl of 1X Wash Buffer II at room temperature with gentle rocking. Completely remove wash buffer in each wash step. Dilute 20X Wash Buffer II with H2O.

Incomplete removal of the wash buffer in each wash step may cause "dark spots," the background signals higher than the spots.

D. Incubation with Biotinylated Antibody Cocktail & Wash

9. Reconstitute the detection antibody by adding 1.4 ml of Sample Diluent to the tube. Spin briefly.

10. Add 80 μl of the detection antibody cocktail to each well. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 hour.

*Longer incubation time is preferable for higher signals and backgrounds*

11. Decant the samples from each well, and wash 5 times (5 mins each) with 150 μl of 1X Wash Buffer I and then 2 times with 150 μl of 1x Wash Buffer II at room temperature with gentle rocking. Completely remove wash buffer in each wash step.

E. Incubation with Cy3 Equivalent Dye-Streptavidin & Wash

12. After briefly spinning down, add 1.4 ml of Sample Diluent to Cy3 equivalent dye-conjugated streptavidin tube. Mix gently.

13. Add 80 µl of Cy3 equivalent dye-conjugated streptavidin to each well. Cover the device with aluminum foil to avoid exposure to light or incubate in dark room. Incubate at room temperature for 1 hour.

14. Decant the samples from each well, and wash 5 times (5 mins each) with 150 µl of 1X Wash Buffer I at room temperature with gentle rocking. Completely remove wash buffer in each wash step.

F. Fluorescence Detection

15. Disassemble the device by pushing clips outward from the slide side. Carefully remove the slide from the gasket.
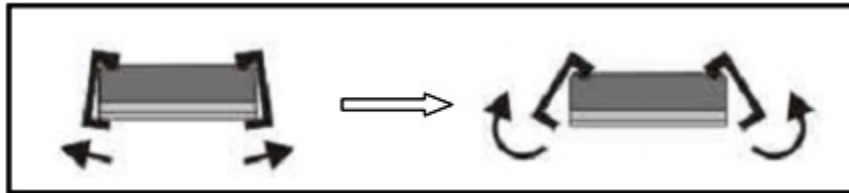
Be careful not to touch the surface of the array side.

16. Place the slide in the Slide Washer/Dryer (a 4-slide holder/centrifuge tube), add enough 1x Wash Buffer I (about 30 ml) to cover the whole slide, and then gently shake at room temperature for 15 minutes. Decant Wash Buffer I. Wash with 1x Wash Buffer II (about 30 ml) and gently shake at room temperature for 5 minutes.

17. Remove water droplets completely by gently applying suction with a pipette to remove water droplets. Do not touch the array, only the sides.

   You may also dry the glass slide by a compressed N2 stream.

18. Imaging: The signals can be visualized through use of a laser scanner equipped with a Cy3 wavelength (green channel) such as Axon GenePix or Innopsys Innoscan. Make sure that the signal from the well containing the highest standard concentration (Std1) receives the highest possible reading, yet remains unsaturated.

In case the signal intensity for different cytokine varies greatly in the same array, we recommend using multiple scans, with a higher PMT for low signal cytokines, and a low PMT for high signal cytokines.

G. Data Analysis

19. Data extraction can be done using the GAL file that is specific for this array along with the microarray analysis software (GenePix, ScanArray Express, ArrayVision, MicroVigene, etc.). GAL files can be found here: www.RayBiotech.com/Gal-Files.html.

    Need help analyzing all that data? Copy and paste your data into the Q-Analyzer Tool specific for this array, catalog number: **QAH-CAA-4000-SW**. More information can be found in Section XII.

Experiment

Image Scan
A list of compatible laser scanners can be found here:
RayBiotech.com/Scanners

Data Extraction
(GenePix, etc.)

Data Computation
Q-Analyzer software sold separately (see section VIII.)

Analyze Results
(pg/ml concentrations)
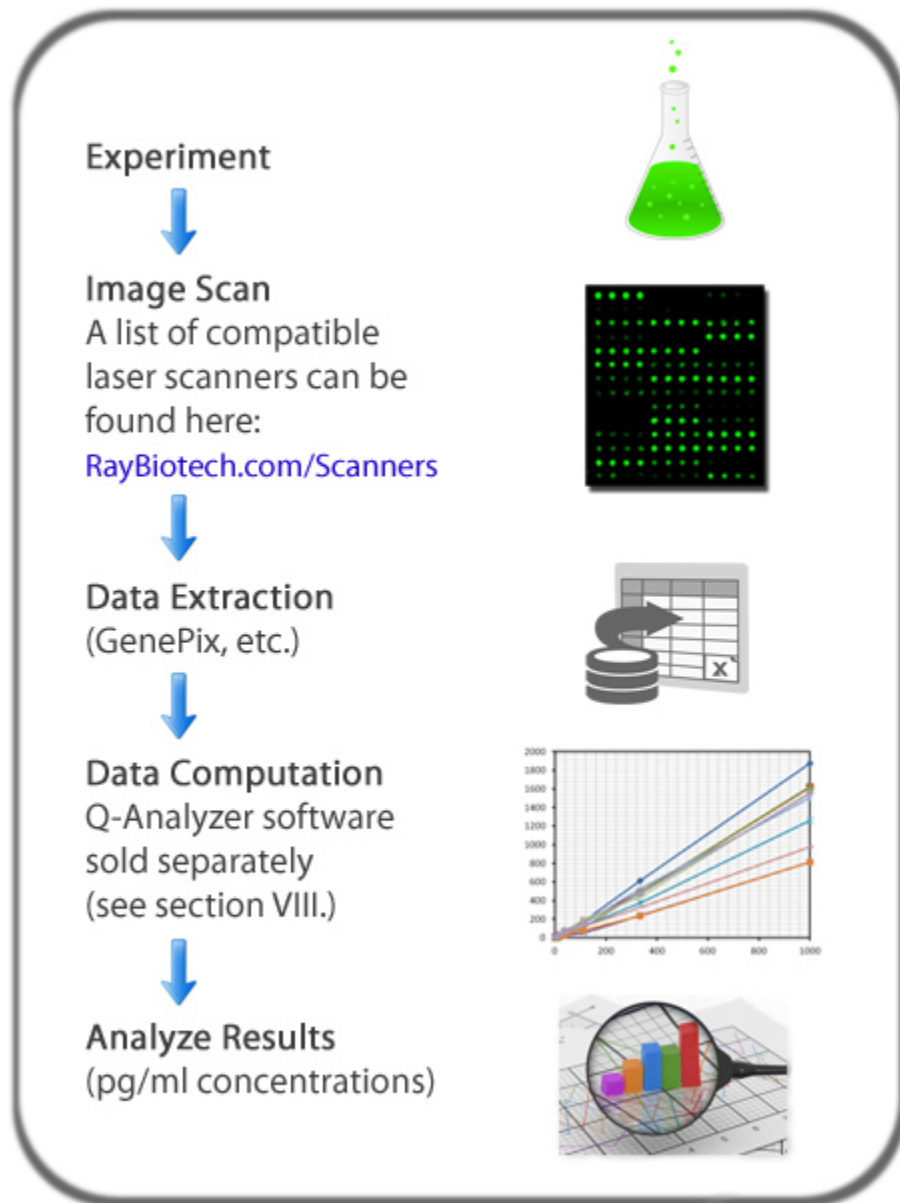
IX. Array Map & Standard Curves

Please view the individual array manuals for representative standard curve images

QAH-INF-3

	(hINF-3 Map) Each antibody is printed in quadruplicate horizontally		
	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
A	POS1	POS2	BLC (CXCL13)
B	Eotaxin-1 (CCL11)	Eotaxin-2 (MPIF-2)	G-CSF
C	GM-CSF	I-309	ICAM-1 (CD54)
D	IFN gamma	IL-1 alpha	IL-1 beta
E	IL-1ra (IL-1 F3)	IL-2	IL-4
F	IL-5	IL-6	IL-6sR
G	IL-7	IL-8	IL-10
H	IL-11	IL-12p40	IL-12p70
I	IL-13	IL-15	IL-16
J	IL-17	MCP-1 (CCL2)	M-CSF
K	MIG (CXCL9)	MIP-1 alpha (CCL3)	MIP-1 beta (CCL4)
L	MIP-1 delta (CCL15)	PDGF-BB	RANTES (CCL5)
M	TIMP-1	TIMP-2	TNF alpha
N	TNF beta	TNF RI	TNF RII

QAH-GF-1

	(hGF-1 Map) Each antibody is printed in quadruplicate horizontally		
	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
A	POS1	POS2	AR
B	BDNF	bFGF	BMP-4
C	BMP-5	BMP-7	beta-NGF
D	EGF	EGF R	EG-VEGF
E	FGF-4	FGF-7 (KGF)	GDF-15
F	GDNF	Growth Hormone (GH)	HB-EGF
G	HGF	IGFBP-1	IGFBP-2
H	IGFBP-3	IGFBP-4	IGFBP-6
I	IGF-I	Insulin	MCF R
J	NGFR (TNFSR16)	NT-3	NT-4
K	Osteoprotegerin (OPG)	PDGF-AA	PIGF (PLGF)
L	SCF	SCF R (CD117)	TGF alpha
M	TGF beta 1	TGF beta 3	VEGF-A (VEGF)
N	VEGF R2	VEGF R3	VEGF-D

QAH-CHE-1

	(hCHE-1 Map) Each antibody is printed in quadruplicate horizontally		
	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
A	POS1	POS2	6Ckine (CCL21)
B	Axl	Betacellulin (BTC)	CCL28 (MEC)
C	CTACK (CCL27)	CXCL16	ENA-78 (CXCL5)
D	Eotaxin-3 (CCL26)	GCP-2 (CXCL6)	GRO
E	HCC-1 (CCL14)	HCC-4 (CCL16)	IL-9
F	IL-17F	IL-18 BP alpha	IL-28A
G	IL-29	IL-31	IP-10 (CXCL10)
H	I-TAC (CXCL11)	LIF	LIGHT (TNFSF14)
I	Lymphotactin	MCP-2 (CCL8)	MCP-3 (CCL7)
J	MCP-4 (CCL13)	MDC (CCL22)	MIF
K	MIP-3 alpha	MIP-3 beta	MPIF-1 (CCL23)
L	MSP	NAP-2 (CXCL7)	Osteopontin (OPN)
M	PARC (CCL18)	Platelet Factor 4 (PF4)	SDF-1 alpha
N	TARC (CCL17)	TECK (CCL25)	TSLP

QAH-REC-1

	(hREC-1 Map) Each antibody is printed in quadruplicate horizontally		
	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
A	POS1	POS2	4-1BB (CD137)
B	ALCAM (CD166)	B7-1 (CD80)	BCMA (TNFRSF17)
C	CD14	CD30 (TNFRSF8)	CD40 Ligand
D	CEACAM-1	DR6 (TNFRSF21)	Dtk
E	Endoglin (CD105)	ErbB3	E-Selectin
F	Fas	Flt-3 Ligand	GITR (TNFRSF18)
G	HVEM (TNFRSF14)	ICAM-3 (CD50)	Contactin-2
H	IL-1 RI	IL-2 R gamma	IL-10 R beta
I	IL-17R	IL-21 R	LIMPII
J	Lipocalin-2 (NGAL)	L-Selectin (CD62L)	LYVE-1
K	MICA	MICB	NRG1-beta 1
L	PDGF R beta	PECAM-1 (CD31)	RAGE
M	TIM-1 (KIM-1)	TRAIL R3	Trappin-2
N	uPAR	VCAM-1	XEDAR

QAH-CYT-4

	(hCYT-4 Map) Each antibody is printed in quadruplicate horizontally		
	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
A	POS1	POS2	Activin A
B	AgRP	Angiogenin (ANG)	Angiopoietin-1 (ANG-1)
C	Angiostatin	Catheprin S	CD40
D	Cripto-1	DAN	DKK-1
E	E-Cadherin	EpCAM (TROP1)	Fas Ligand (TNFSF6)
F	Fc gamma RIIB/C	Follistatin	Galectin-7
G	ICAM-2 (CD102)	IL-13 R1	IL-13 R alpha 2
H	IL-17B	IL-2 R alpha	IL-2 R beta
I	IL-23	LAP/TGF beta 1	NrCAM
J	PAI-I	PDGF-AB	Resistin
K	SDF-1 beta	sgp130	Shh N
L	Siglec-5 (CD170)	ST2 (IL-1 R4)	TGF-beta 2
M	Tie-2	Thrombopoietin (TPO)	TRAIL-R4
N	TREM-1	VEGF-C	VEGF-R1

X. Standard Concentrations

After reconstitution, the lyophilized cytokine standard mix contains the following concentrations for each antigen included.

QAH-INF-3	(pg/ml)	QAH-GF-1	(pg/ml)	QAH-CHE-1	(pg/ml)	QAH-REC-1	(pg/ml)	QAH-CYT-4	(pg/ml)
BLC	2,000	AR	10,000	6Ckine	40,000	4-1BB	10,000	Activin A	100,000
Eotaxin	4,000	BDNF	2,000	Axl	4,000	ALCAM	10,000	AgRP	10,000
Eotaxin-2	1,000	bFGF	20,000	BTC	20,000	B7-1	10,000	ANG	2,000
G-CSF	20,000	BMP-4	100,000	CCL28	40,000	BCMA	20,000	ANG-1	40,000
GM-CSF	1,000	BMP-5	100,000	CTACK	50,000	CD14	10,000	Angiostatin	1,000,000
I-309	4,000	BMP-7	40,000	CXCL16	20,000	CD30	10,000	Catheprin S	10,000
ICAM-1	100,000	b-NGF	10,000	ENA-78	10,000	CD40 L	10,000	CD 40	10,000
IFNg	2,000	EGF	200	Eotaxin-3	20,000	CEACAM-1	10,000	Cripto-1	10,000
IL-1a	2,000	EGF R	10,000	GCP-2	10,000	DR6	4,000	DAN	40,000
IL-1b	1,000	EG-VEGF	10,000	GRO	1,000	Dtk	20,000	DKK-1	80,000
IL-1ra	2,000	FGF-4	100,000	HCC-1	4,000	Endoglin	4,000	E-Cadherin	80,000
IL-2	2,000	FGF-7	10,000	HCC-4	10,000	ErbB3	20,000	EpCAM	20,000
IL-4	2,000	GDF-15	2,000	IL-9	200,000	E-Selectin	40,000	FAS L	2,000
IL-5	4,000	GDNF	4,000	IL-17F	100,000	Fas	2,000	Fcr RIIBC	10,000
IL-6	2,000	GH	10,000	IL-18 BPa	60,000	Flt-3L	2,000	Follistatin	40,000
IL-6sR	10,000	HB-EGF	10,000	IL-28A	10,000	GITR	10,000	Galectin-7	100,000
IL-7	4,000	HGF	4,000	IL-29	100,000	HVEM	40,000	ICAM-2	100,000
IL-8	500	IGFBP-1	5,000	IL-31	40,000	ICAM-3	100,000	IL-13 R1	10,000
IL-10	4,000	IGFBP-2	20,000	IP-10	10,000	Contactin-2	100,000	IL-13 R2	20,000
IL-11	20,000	IGFBP-3	200,000	I-TAC	10,000	IL-1 RI	4,000	IL-17B	40,000
IL-12p40	10,000	IGFBP-4	200,000	LIF	13,000	IL-2 Rg	10,000	IL-2 Ra	10,000
IL-12p70	500	IGFBP-6	100,000	LIGHT	10,000	IL-10 Rb	4,000	IL-2 Rb	100,000
IL-13	1,000	IGF-I	20,000	Lymphotactin	100,000	IL-17R	10,000	IL-23	40,000
IL-15	4,000	Insulin	20,000	MCP-2	2,000	IL-21R	20,000	LAP	4,000
IL-16	5,000	MCSF R	40,000	MCP-3	4,000	LIMPII	4,000	NrCAM	20,000
IL-17	4,000	NGF R	10,000	MCP-4	10,000	Lipocalin-2	1,000	PAI-I	40,000
MCP-1	2,000	NT-3	40,000	MDC	10,000	L-Selectin	100,000	PDGF-AB	10,000
MCSF	4,000	NT-4	10,000	MIF	4,000	LYVE-1	2,000	Resistin	20,000
MIG	5,000	OPG	4,000	MIP-3a	4,000	MICA	10,000	SDF-1b	40,000
MIP-1a	10,000	PDGF-AA	10,000	MIP-3b	20,000	MICB	15,000	sgp130	80,000
MIP-1b	1,000	PIGF	4,000	MPIF-1	10,000	NRG1-b1	15,000	Shh N	40,000
MIP-1d	10,000	SCF	10,000	MSPa	100,000	PDGF Rb	100,000	Siglec-5	10,000
PDGF-BB	2,000	SCF R	20,000	NAP-2	4,000	PECAM-1	20,000	ST2	4,000
RANTES	20,000	TGFa	10,000	OPN	100,000	RAGE	10,000	TGF-b2	40,000
TIMP-1	40,000	TGFb1	100,000	PARC	4,000	TIM-1	10,000	Tie-2	10,000
TIMP-2	40,000	TGFb3	40,000	PF4	100,000	TRAIL R3	5,000	TPO	200,000
TNFa	2,000	VEGF	10,000	SDF-1a	10,000	Trappin-2	10,000	TRAIL R4	8,000
TNFb	20,000	VEGF R2	10,000	TARC	10,000	uPAR	40,000	TREM-1	20,000
TNF RI	40,000	VEGF R3	40,000	TECK	100,000	VCAM-1	200,000	VEGF-C	20,000
TNF RII	40,000	VEGF-D	20,000	TSLP	10,000	XEDAR	10,000	VEGF R1	40,000

XI. Spiking & Recovery

Please view the individual array manuals for spiking & recovery data

XII. Quantibody® Q-Analyzer

The Q-Analyzer is an array specific, Excel-based program. It is much more than a simple calculation macro; it performs sophisticated data analysis (see below for description).

The Q-Analyzer Tool specific for this array is catalog number: **QAH-CAA-4000-SW**.

Key features:

- Simplicity: Easy to operate and requires no professional training. With a simple copy and paste process, the cytokine concentration is determined.

- Outlier Marking & Removing: The software can automatically mark and remove the outlier spots for more accurate data analysis

- Normalization: The program allows for intra- and inter-slide normalization for large numbers of samples.

- Two Positive Controls: The program utilizes the two positive controls in each array for normalization.

- Two Analytical Algorithms: Users can choose either linear regression or log-log algorithms to meet their analytical needs.

- Two Data Outputs: standard curves and digital concentration.

- User Intervention: The program allows for user manual handling of outliers and other analytical data.

- Lower and Upper Limits Determination: The program automatically marks out the values below or above the detection range.

- Standard Deviation: The program outputs the standard deviations of the quadruplicate spots for data accuracy.

- Analytical Tips: Q-Analyzer analysis tips are included in the program.

XIII. Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Cause	Recommendation
Weak Signal	Inadequate detection	Increase laser power and PMT parameters
	Inadequate reagent volumes or improper dilution	Check pipettes and ensure correct preparation
	Short incubation time	Increase incubation time or change sample incubation step to overnight
	Too low protein concentration in sample	Lessen dilution or do not dilute sample. Concentrate sample if necessary.
	Improper storage of kit	Store kit as suggested temperature. Don't freeze/thaw the slide.
Uneven signal	Bubble formed during incubation	Decrease amount of rocking during incubations. check for bubble formation and remove bubbles.
	Arrays are not completed covered by reagent	Completely cover arrays with solution for all required steps.
	Reagent evaporation	Cover the incubation chamber with adhesive film during incubation
Poor standard curve	Cross-contamination from neighboring wells	Avoid overflowing wash buffer and other solutions into neighboring wells.
	Comet tail formation	Air dry the slide for at least 1 hour before usage
	Inadequate standard reconstitution or Improper dilution	Reconstitute the lyophilized standard well at the room temperature before making serial dilutions. Check pipettes and ensure proper serial dilutions.
	Inadequate detection	Increase laser power so the highest standard concentration for each cytokine receives the highest possible reading yet remains unsaturated.
	Use freeze-thawed cytokine standards	Always use new cytokine standard vial for new set of experiment. Discard any leftover.
High background	Overexposure	Lower the PMT or signal gain.
	Dark spots	Completely remove wash buffer in each wash step.
	Insufficient wash	Increase wash time and use more wash buffer
	Dust	Work in clean environment
	Slide is allowed to dry out	Don't dry out slides during experiment.

XIV. Select Quantibody® Publications

1. Zeng Q., et al. The functional behavior of a macrophage/fibroblast co-culture model derived from normal and diabetic mice with a marine gelatin-oxidized alginate hydrogel. Biomaterials. 2010 Aug;31(22):5772-81. doi: 10.1016/j.biomaterials.2010.04.022.
   Species: Mouse

2. Toh H, Wang W, Chia W, Kvistborg P, Sun Li,et al. Clinical Benefit of Allogeneic Melanoma Cell Lysate-Pulsed Autologous Dendritic Cell Vaccine in MAGE-Positive Colorectal Cancer Patients.Clin Cancer Res. 2009;15(24):7726-7736
   Species: Human
   Sample Type: Plasma

3. Du Y, Wei X, He Y, Wei G, Hampel H, et al. P2-380: Identification and characterization of human autoantibodies that may be used for the treatment of prion diseases. Alzheimer Dementia. 2008;4(4 Suppl):T484 (Abstract P2-380).
   Species: Human
   Sample Type: Plasma

4. Jonnalagadda D., et al. Platelet secretion is kinetically heterogeneous in an agonist-responsive manner. December 20, 2012; Blood: 120 (26). http://dx.doi.org/10.1182/blood-2012-07-445080
   Species: Human
   Sample Type: Conditioned Media

5. Vargas-Inchaustegui D., Hogg A., Tulliano G., et al.CXCL10 Production by Human Monocytes in Response to Leishmania braziliensis Infection. Infect. Immun. January 2010 vol. 78 no. 1 301-308
   Species: Human
   Sample Type: Serum

6. Zhai Y, Zhong Z, Chen C-YA, Xia Z, Song L, Blackburn MR, Shyu A-B. Coordinated Changes in mRNA Turnover, Translation, and RNA Processing Bodies in Bronchial Epithelial Cells following Inflammatory Stimulation. Mol Cell Biol. 2008; 28(24):7414-7426.
   Species: Human

7. Huggenberger R., et al. Stimulation of lymphangiogenesis via VEGFR-3 inhibits chronic skin inflammation. J Exp Med. 2010 Sep 27;207(10):2255-69. doi: 10.1084/jem.20100559.
   Species: Mouse
   Sample Type: Tissue Lysate

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   Species: Mouse
   Sample Type: Conditioned Media

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   Species: Mouse
   Sample Type: Tissue Lysate

10. Hou T., Li Z., Luo F., Xie Z., Wu X., Xing J., Dong S., Xu J. A composite demineralized bone matrix e Self assembling peptide scaffold for enhancing cell and growth factor activity in bone marrow. Biomaterials, Available online 19 April 2014. [Epub ahead of print]
    Species: Mouse
    Sample Type: Tissue Lysate

11. Feng W., Madajka M., Kerr B., Mahabeleshwar G., White S., Byzova T. A novel role for platelet secretion in angiogenesis: mediating bone marrow-derived cell mobilization and homing. Blood April 7, 2011 vol. 117 no. 14 3893-3902
    Species: Mouse
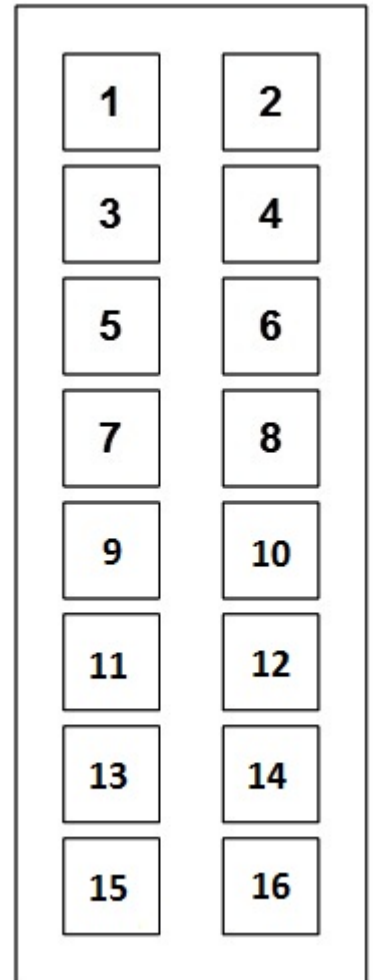
XV. Experiment Record Form

Date:_____

File Name:_____

Laser Power:_____

PMT:_____

Well No.	Sample Name	Dilution factor
1	CNTRL	
2	Std7	
3	Std6	
4	Std5	
5	Std4	
6	Std3	
7	Std2	
8	Std1	
9		
10		
11		
12		
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1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10
11	12
13	14
15	16

XVI. How to Choose a Quantibody® Array?

Species-based selection:

Human (QAH-)	Mouse (QAM-)	Rat (QAR-)	Bovine (QAB-)	Canine (QAC-)
Equine (QAE-)	Feline (QAF-)	Primates (QAN-)	Porcine (QAP-)	Rabbit (QAL-)

Function-based selection:

Adhesion Molecule Arrays	Angiogenesis Arrays	Bone Metabolism Arrays	Chemokine Arrays
Custom Arrays	Cytokine Arrays	Growth Factor Arrays	IGF Signaling Arrays
IL-1 Family Arrays	Immune Response Arrays	Inflammation Arrays	Interleukin Arrays
Isotyping Arrays	MMP Arrays	Obesity Arrays	Ophthalmic Arrays
Periodontal Disease Arrays	Receptor Arrays	Th1/Th2/Th17 Arrays	

Cytokine Number-based selection:

Arrays are available in the Quantibody® platform to detect 1000 human, 200 mouse, or 67 rat proteins. GLP-Compliant testing services are also available.

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