# Multicolor fluorescence per bacterial particle calibration

## ## Description:

Plate readers report fluorescence values in arbitrary units that vary widely from instrument to instrument. Therefore absolute fluorescence values cannot be directly compared from one instrument to another. In order to compare fluorescence output of biological devices, it is necessary to create a standard fluorescence curve. This variant of the protocol uses two replicates of three colors of dye, plus beads.

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## ## Protocol Inputs:

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## Materials
* [Water, sterile-filtered, BioReagent, suitable for cell culture]
(https://identifiers.org/pubchem.substance:24901740)
* 10 uM [fluorescein]
(https://identifiers.org/pubchem.substance:329753341) in PBS
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\* [Phosphate-Buffered Saline] (https://identifiers.org/pubchem.compound:24978514)

\* 10 uM [cascade blue]

(https://identifiers.org/pubchem.substance:329760049) in ddH20

\* 2 uM [sulforhodamine 101]

(https://identifiers.org/pubchem.substance:24899749) in PBS

\* 3e9 microspheres/mL ddH2O (NanoCym 950 nm monodisperse silica nanoparticles)

## ## Containers

- \* [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) ([Microplate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377))
- \* [Fluorescein] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) ([Tube Device] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236))
- \* [Cascade Blue] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) ([Tube Device] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236))
- \* [Silica beads] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) ([Tube Device] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236))
- \* [Sulforhodamine 101] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) ([Tube Device] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236))
- \* [Liquid Waste Disposal] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C48166) ([Disposal] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C48166))

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1. Pipette 1.0 milliliter of [10 uM fluorescein in PBS] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) into [Fluorescein] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236)

- 2. Pipette 1.0 milliliter of [2 uM sulforhodamine 101 in PBS] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) into [Sulforhodamine 101] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236)
- 3. Pipette 1.0 milliliter of [10 uM cascade blue in ddH20] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) into [Cascade Blue] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236)
- 4. Pipette 1.0 milliliter of [3e9 microspheres/mL ddH2O] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) into [Silica beads] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236)
- 5. Pipette 100.0 microliter of [Phosphate-Buffered Saline] (https://identifiers.org/pubchem.compound:24978514) into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A2:D12
- 6. Pipette 100.0 microliter of [Water, sterile-filtered, BioReagent, suitable for cell culture] (https://identifiers.org/pubchem.substance:24901740) into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E2:H12
- 7. Pipette 200.0 microliter of [10 uM fluorescein in PBS] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) from [Fluorescein] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A1:B1
- 8. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A1:B1 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A2:B2, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 9. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A2:B2 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A3:B3, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 10. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A3:B3 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A4:B4, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 11. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A4:B4 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A5:B5, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 12. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A5:B5 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A6:B6, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 13. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A6:B6 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A7:B7, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination

- 14. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A7:B7 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A8:B8, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 15. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A8:B8 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A9:B9, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 16. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A9:B9 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A10:B10, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 17. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A10:B10 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A11:B11, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 18. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) All:Bll to [Liquid Waste Disposal] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C48166)
- 19. Pipette 200.0 microliter of [2 uM sulforhodamine 101 in PBS] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) from [Sulforhodamine 101] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C1:D1
- 20. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C1:D1 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C2:D2, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 21. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C2:D2 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C3:D3, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 22. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C3:D3 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C4:D4, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 23. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C4:D4 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C5:D5, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 24. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C5:D5 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C6:D6, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 25. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C6:D6 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C7:D7, mixing by pipetting up

- 26. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C7:D7 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C8:D8, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 27. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C8:D8 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C9:D9, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 28. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C9:D9 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C10:D10, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 29. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C10:D10 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C11:D11, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 30. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C11:D11 to [Liquid Waste Disposal] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C48166)
- 31. Pipette 200.0 microliter of [10 uM cascade blue in ddH20] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) from [Cascade Blue] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E1:F1
- 32. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E1:F1 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E2:F2, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 33. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E2:F2 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E3:F3, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 34. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E3:F3 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E4:F4, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 35. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E4:F4 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E5:F5, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 36. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E5:F5 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E6:F6, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 37. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate]

- (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E6:F6 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E7:F7, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 38. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E7:F7 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E8:F8, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 39. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E8:F8 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E9:F9, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 40. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E9:F9 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E10:F10, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 41. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E10:F10 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E11:F11, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 42. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E11:F11 to [Liquid Waste Disposal] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C48166)
- 43. Pipette 200.0 microliter of [3e9 microspheres/mL ddH2O] (https://identifiers.org/SBO:0000241) from [Silica beads] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C50236) into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G1:H1
- 44. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G1:H1 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G2:H2, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 45. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G2:H2 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G3:H3, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 46. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G3:H3 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G4:H4, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 47. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G4:H4 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G5:H5, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 48. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G5:H5 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G6:H6, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination

- 49. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G6:H6 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G7:H7, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 50. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G7:H7 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G8:H8, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 51. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G8:H8 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G9:H9, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 52. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G9:H9 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G10:H10, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 53. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G10:H10 into [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G11:H11, mixing by pipetting up and down 3.0 times at destination
- 54. Pipette 100.0 microliter from [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G11:H11 to [Liquid Waste Disposal] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C48166)
- 55. Measure fluorescence of [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) A1:B12 at excitation 488.0 nanometer and emission 530.0 nanometer / 30.0 nanometer
- 56. Measure fluorescence of [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) C1:D12 at excitation 561.0 nanometer and emission 610.0 nanometer / 20.0 nanometer
- 57. Measure fluorescence of [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) E1:F12 at excitation 405.0 nanometer and emission 450.0 nanometer / 50.0 nanometer
- 58. Measure absorbance of [Calibration Plate] (https://identifiers.org/ncit:C43377) G1:H12 at 600.0 nanometer