

# MSD 96-well human cytokine assay

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## **Abstract**

This protocol describes MesoScale Discovery (MSD) assays for measurement of proinflammatory cytokines in supernatants collected from T cell dependent cytotoxicity (TDCC) cultures after BiTE® treatment.

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#### **Protocol**

#### Reagents

## Step 1.

- Human Proinflammatory-4 I Tissue Culture Kit, MSD, P/N K15009B-2, Lot # K0034148
- Human Proinflammatory-4 I Plate, MSD, P/N N45009B-1, Lot # Z0044786
- Diluent 1, MSD, P/N R50CK-4, Lot #Y0220021
- Diluent 100, MSD, P/N R50AA-4, Lot #Y0270189
- MSD Blocker B, P/N R93BB-2, Lot # Y0210033
- Human Proinflammatory-4 I Antibody Blend, MSD, P/N D2009-3, Lot # D0032825
- Human Proinflammatory-4 I Calibrator Blend, MSD, P/N C0009-2, Lot # A0031804
- PBST (PBS + 0.05% Tween 20)
- DPBS, Life, P/N 14190

#### Prepare solutions

#### Step 2.

- 1. Wash Buffer (PBS + 0.05% Tween 20): 2L (2000mL) PBS + 1.0 mL Tween 20
- 2. Prepare Blocker B Solution (1% w/v Blocker B in PBS): 20 mL PBS + 200 mg Blocker B

# Block plates

#### Step 3.

- 1. Add 150 uL of Blocker B Solution (Step 2) to each well of the pre-coated plate
- 2. Seal the plate
- Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature, with shaking at 800 rpm

#### Prepare standard (calibration curve)

## Step 4.

Dilution Step Volume Diluent 1 (uL) Conc. (pg/mL)

1:100	1	10 uL of 1.0 ug/mL stock	990	10000	
1:4	2	50 uL of 10 ng/mL (1)	150	2500	
1:4	3	50 uL of 2.5 ng/mL (2)	150	625	
1:4	4	50 uL of 625 ng/mL (3)	150	156	
1:4	5	50 uL of 156 pg/mL (4)	150	39	
1:4	6	50 uL of 39 pg/mL (5)	150	9.8	
1:4	7	50 uL of 9.8 pg/mL (6)	150	2.4	
1:4	8		200	0	

#### Wash blocked plate

# Step 5.

- 1. Wash the plate 3X with PBST using a plate washer
- 2. Blot plate on a paper towel

## Add sample and standards to plate

## Step 6.

- 1. Add 25  $\mu$ L of neat sample and standards to the appropriate wells of the plate
- 2. Seal the plate
- 3. Incubate for 2 hours at room temperature, with shaking at 800 rpm

#### Prepare Detection Antibody solution (1X in PBS)

# Step 7.

- 1. 2.94 mL Diluent 100 + 60 μL 50X Detection Antibody
- 2. Keep in the dark

#### Add Detection ntibody solution to each well

#### Step 8.

- 1. 25 μL of Detection Antibody Solution to each well
- 2. Seal the plate
- 3. Cover with aluminum foil
- 4. Incubate for 2 hours at room temperature, with shaking at 800 rpm

#### Prepare 2X Read Buffer Solution

# Step 9.

11 mL DI H20 + 11 mL 4X Read Buffer

#### Wash plates

# **Step 10.**

- 1. After incubation, wash the plate 3X with PBST using a plate washer
- 2. Blot plate on a paper towel

# Add Read Buffer Solution to each well

# **Step 11.**

- 1. Add 150  $\mu$ L 2X Read Buffer solution to each well of the MSD plate
- 2. Make sure there are NO BUBBLES
- 3. Read immediately on MSD instrument

# Analyze data

# Step 12.

Analyze data using MSD software