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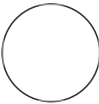
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# Activation Induced Marker (AIM) Staining Protocol

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## ABSTRACT

This protocol details about activation induced marker staining.

## ATTACHMENTS

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## MATERIALS

### Materials

- Brilliant Stain Buffer Plus
- CD40 Antibody, anti-human, pure functional grade

### Flow Antibodies Needed:

| A                 | B            | C                       | D                  |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Membrane Antibody | Fluorochrome | Clone/Vendor/Catalog#   | Vol. Per Test (µl) |
| CXCR5             | BUV395       | RF8B2/BD/740266         | 1                  |
| CD8               | BUV496       | RPA-T8/BD/612942        | 2                  |
| CD3               | BUV805       | UCHT1/BD/612895         | 2                  |
| CD45RA            | BV421        | HI100/Biolegend/304130  | 2                  |
| LIVE/DEAD         | eFluor 506   | eBioscience/65-0866-18  | 0.5                |
| CD14              | V500         | M5E2/BD/561391          | 2                  |
| CD19              | V500         | HIB19/BD/561121         | 2                  |
| CD4               | BV605        | RPA-T4/BD/562658        | 4                  |
| CD38              | BV786        | HIT2/BD/563964          | 4                  |
| CCR7              | FITC         | G043H7/Biolegend/353216 | 2                  |

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| A                           | B                | C                               | D   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| CD40L                       | PerCP-ef710      | 24-31/eBioscience/46-1548-42    | 4   |
| CD69                        | PE               | FN50/BD/555531                  | 10  |
| PD-1                        | PE-Dazzle594     | EH12.2H7/Biolegend/329940       | 2   |
| OX40                        | PE-Cy7           | Ber-ACT35/Biolegend/350012      | 2   |
| CD137                       | APC              | 4B4-1/Biolegend/309810          | 4   |
| HLA-DR                      | AF700            | LN3/ebioscience/56-9956-42      | 4   |
| CD40                        | X (unconjugated) | (Miltenyi Biotech, 130-094-133) | 1.5 |
| Brilliant Stain Buffer Plus |                  | BD Horizon/566385               | 10  |

### Prepared Individual Peptides or Peptide Pools

| A                       | B                   | C                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stimuli                 | Stock Concentration | Final Concentration           |
| Peptide Pool            | 1 mg/mL             | Assay Dependent               |
| DMSO (Negative Control) |                     | Same concentration as peptide |
| PHA (Positive Control)  | 1 mg/mL             | 1 ug-20 ug/mL                 |

☒ **BUV395 Rat Anti-Human CXCR5 (CD185) Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #740266**

☒ **BUV496 Mouse Anti-Human CD8 Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #612942**

☒ **BUV805 Mouse Anti-Human CD3 Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #612895**

☒ **Brilliant Violet 421™ anti-human CD45RA Antibody BioLegend Catalog #304130**

☒ **eBioscience™ Fixable Viability Dye eFluor™ 506 Thermo Fisher Catalog #65-0866-18**

☒ **V500 Mouse Anti-Human CD14 Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #561391**

☒ **V500 Mouse anti-Human CD19 Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #561121**

☒ **BD Horizon™ BV605 Mouse Anti-Human CD4 Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #562658**

☒ **BV786 Mouse Anti-Human CD38 Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #563964**

☒ **FITC anti-human CD197 (CCR7) Antibody BioLegend Catalog #353216**

☒ **CD154 (CD40 Ligand) Monoclonal Antibody (24-31) PerCP-eFluor 710 eBioscience™ Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #46-1548-42**

⊗ PE Mouse Anti-Human CD69 **Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #555531**

⊗ PE/Dazzle™ 594 anti-human CD279 (PD-1) Antibody **BioLegend Catalog #329940**

⊗ PE/Cyanine7 anti-human CD134 (OX40) Antibody **BioLegend Catalog #35001**

⊗ APC anti-human CD137 (4-1BB) Antibody **BioLegend Catalog #309810**

⊗ HLA-DR Monoclonal Antibody (LN3) Alexa Fluor™ 700 eBioscience™ **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #56-9956-42**

## Peptide Stimulation Solution

- 1 Label U-bottom plate with donor, stimulation solution, name and date.
- 2 Prepare PHA and DMSO mix separately
- 3 Prepare and arrange the remaining stimulation solution. Mix thoroughly by pipetting up and down before adding to the experimental plate.



- 4 Add appropriate stimulus solution to each well in 96-well U-bottom plates.



- 5 After adding stimulation solutions, prepare an additional solution of anti-CXCR5 antibody as described in below table.



|  | A        | B            | C                    | D                             |
|--|----------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | Antibody | Fluorochrome | Clone/vendor/catalog | Amount per well(50ul)<br>(uL) |
|  | CXCR5    | BUV395       | RF8B2/BD/740266      | 1                             |
|  | HR5      |              |                      | 49                            |

- 6 Add anti-CXCR5 antibody solution to all wells already containing stimulus.



- 7 Keep plate in incubator at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  until cells are ready to be added.



## PBMC Counting and Stimulus Preparation

1 h 9m

- 8 Obtain indicated number of vial(s) of PBMCs.

- 9 For each donor, prepare sterile 50 ml tubes with  $10\text{ mL}$  HR5 and  $20\text{ }\mu\text{L}$  Benzonase per vial to be thawed.

- 10 Thaw PBMC vials.

- 11 Centrifuge @  $1200\text{ rpm}$ , 00:07:00 .



7m



- 12 Resuspend cells in HR5 and determine cell number.

- 13 Centrifuge @  $1200\text{ rpm}$ , 00:07:00 .



7m

14 While sample(s) spinning, prepare the CD40 antibody solution the stock for all donors.

15 Resuspend each donor at  1.5 undetermined per 10 million cells per ml in prepared  1.5 undetermined CD40 antibody solution.


16 Incubate the tube for  00:15:00 at  37 °C /5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

15m




17 Add  100 µL of CD40 antibody-treated PMBCs to each well already containing stimulus.





18 Incubate plate for a total of 20-24 hours at  37 °C /5% CO<sub>2</sub>.



19 After incubation, spin plate at  1400 rpm, 4°C, 00:02:00 .




2m



20 Wash plate by adding  200 µL PBS and spinning at  1400 rpm, 4°C, 00:02:00 .



2m





21 Resuspend cells in  100 µL of antibody mix and incubate at  4 °C for  00:30:00 , protected from light. Wrap plate in aluminum foil and place in fridge.

30m



22 After incubation, add  100  $\mu$ L MACS buffer and spin plate at  1400 rpm, 4°C, 00:02:00 . 2m




23 Wash 1X plate using  200  $\mu$ L MACs buffer at  1400 rpm, 4°C, 00:02:00 .. 2m



24 Wash 1X plate using PBS  $\mu$ L MACs buffer at  1400 rpm, 4°C, 00:02:00 . 2m



25 Resuspend in  120  $\mu$ L PBS.

26 Wrap in foil and store at  4 °C until analysis.