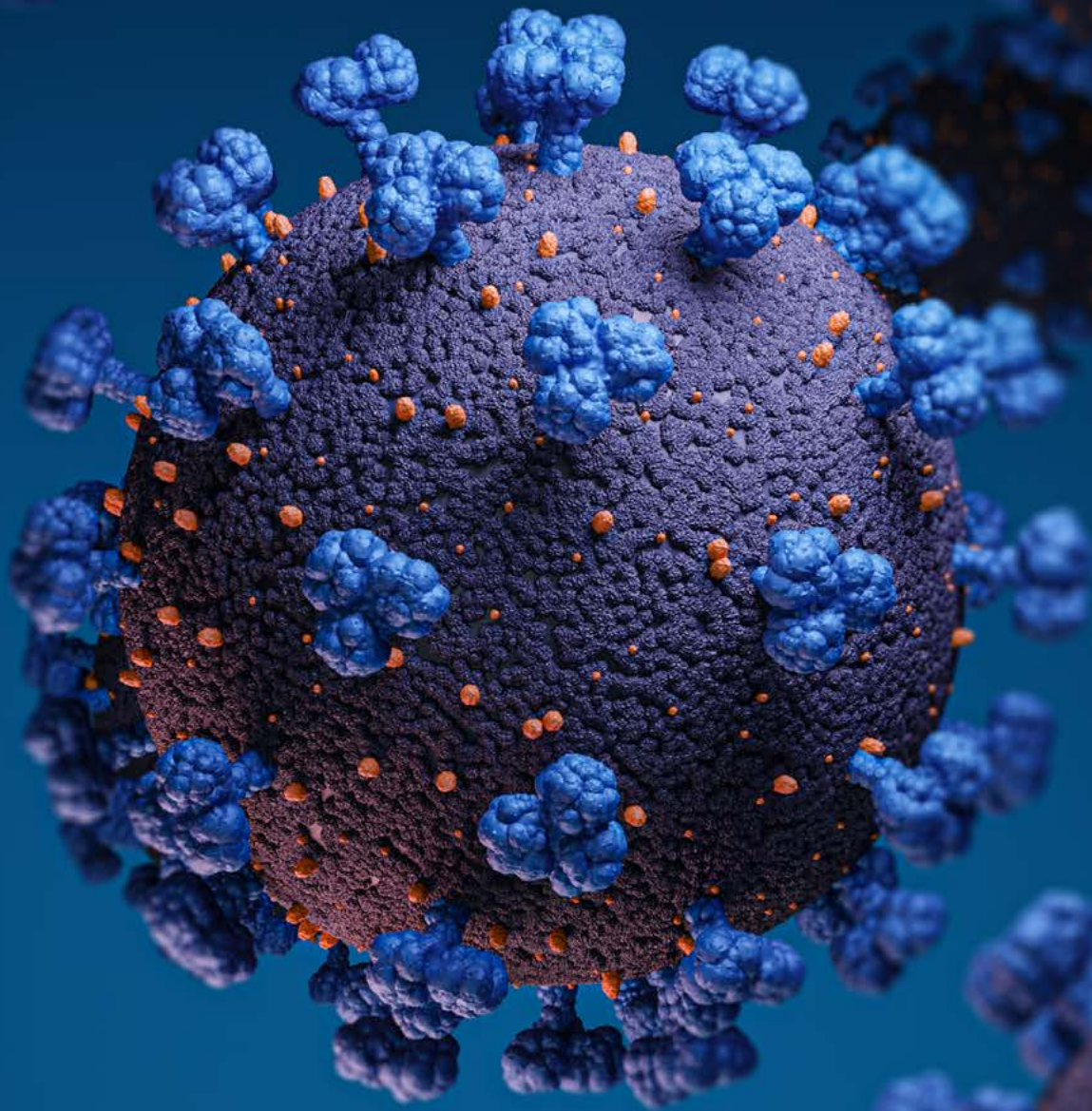


# TOOLS TO SUPPORT NEW CORONAVIRUS RESEARCH



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On February 11, 2020, the new coronavirus (CoV) discovered in Wuhan was officially renamed SARS-CoV-2 by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV). It was determined that the virus is genetically related to SARS-like coronaviruses and a strain of the same genus. Coronaviruses are a class of RNA viruses widely found in birds and mammals, including humans. Prior to the emergence of SARS-CoV-2, six coronaviruses had been found to cause human infection. Four strains of coronavirus in circulation globally (HCoV-229E, HCoV-OC43, HCoV-NL63, and HCoV-KHKU1) are responsible for one-third of “common cold” infections. The other two are zoonotic coronaviruses implicated in the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) outbreaks in 2003 and 2012, respectively. Sars-CoV-2 causes a potentially fatal atypical pneumonia, named Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by the World Health Organization (WHO). The emergence of this new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) will surely be engrained in everyone’s memory as the infection continues its course worldwide.

Bio-Techne supports research on the detection and prevention of infectious viruses. As a leading company in the life sciences research sector, Bio-Techne develops resources to support coronavirus research, including tools for SARS-CoV-2 detection, cytokine monitoring, and drug discovery, helping the scientific community understand the mechanisms of infection and develop effective treatments.

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## SARS-COV-2 DIAGNOSIS

Currently, the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection recommended by the WHO depends on the comprehensive analysis and detection of viral genes, such as the envelope (E) and the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase genes, from clinical samples by reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Alternatively, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the detection and analysis of the *N* gene, which encodes a viral nucleocapsid phosphoprotein. Additional diagnostic testing involves serological detection of IgM/IgG antibodies to viral proteins and viral isolation from clinical specimens. Lastly, epidemiological history is part of the clinical evaluation and helps define specific risk factors for infection. Clinical symptoms are mainly fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath, with pneumonia seen in more severe cases. Chest CT scans are used to complement RT-PCR analysis and often reveal pulmonary bilateral ground-glass opacification and infiltrates. Pulmonary consolidation may occur in severe cases. Other indicators evaluated include total number of white blood cells as well as lymph cell and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) levels. Severe patients often have elevated inflammatory cytokines such as interleukins IL-2, IL-7, and IL-10, granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF), and CXCL10/IP-10.

Pulmonary pathological features commonly associated with SARS-CoV-2 include bilateral diffuse alveolar damage, hyaline membrane formation and interstitial mononuclear inflammatory infiltration, as well as unilateral desquamation of pneumocytes and edema. Less frequent findings include multinucleated giant pneumocytes having irregular nuclei distribution, and giant atypical pneumocytes with prominent eosinophilic nucleoli. Flow cytometric analysis of peripheral blood has shown reduced CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells that are hyperactivated. In addition, within the CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell subset, the frequency of highly proinflammatory CCR4<sup>+</sup> and CCR6<sup>+</sup> Th17 cells is increased. Severe immune lung damage has been attributed to the increased frequency of proinflammatory Th17 cells and overactive cytotoxic CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.

## SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION

SARS-CoV-2 is highly infectious. According to preliminary research,  $R_0$  (basic reproduction number) value is 2.2-3.6, which is similar to that of SARS-CoV (3.0) but greater than MERS-CoV (0.8). The fatality rate for SARS-CoV-2 is about 2-3%, which is considerably lower than the fatality rate for both SARS-CoV (~9.5%) and MERS-CoV (~35%) infections. As of March 30, the WHO has reported 741,030 cases of SARS-CoV-2 infections worldwide. Several factors have contributed to its worldwide expansion such as infectiousness level, population movement patterns, and potential asymptomatic transmission. This new SARS-CoV-2 outbreak represents the third instance within the last two decades of the emergence of a highly infectious global threat. SARS-CoV-2 once again has re-focused the public's attention towards the detection and control of infectious viruses.

## SARS-COV-2 DETECTION METHODS

Molecular approaches for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 focus on the analysis of the viral genome and serological analysis of antiviral antibodies. Nucleic acid analysis aims to detect virus-specific genes. Real-time quantitative RT-PCR is the method of choice for SARS-CoV-2 detection because of its high specificity and sensitivity.

Serological analysis detects antibody responses initiated by SARS-CoV-2 infection. Because SARS-CoV-2 is a new human infectious agent, strain specific antibodies are not commonly present in the population. During an immune response, IgM antibodies appear in the early stage, followed by the emergence of IgG during the mid to late disease stages. Recently, an assay that detects IgM and IgG antibodies specific for the nucleocapsid protein from SARS-CoV Rp3 has been developed. In contrast to nucleic acid analysis, serological testing is faster and easier, and offers the advantage of allowing evaluation of convalescent patients. However, a potential key disadvantage to these assays is that antibodies may be undetectable during the early stages of viral infection. Additionally, depending on the antigen used, cross-reactivity, or false positive results, may occur due to the presence of antibodies against closely related CoV strains. These immunological assays are often used to complement nucleic acid analysis for confirming diagnoses of patients with negative nucleic acid findings but clinically suspect. Serological assays are also commonly used for research and surveillance of infectious diseases.

SECONDARY ANTIBODIES FOR DEVELOPING IgG AND IgM ELLISAS							
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE	HOST
IgG Fc	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB7446</a>	Human	Poly	ELISA, EM, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes	Goat
IgG Fc	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB110</a>	Human	97924	CyTOF, Flow, WB	Yes	Mouse
IgG Fc	R&D Systems	<a href="#">G-102-C</a>	Human	Poly		No	Goat
IgG	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-51523</a>	Human	4D2D9G8	ELISA, WB	No	Mouse
IgG	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB11012*</a>	Human	1268C	ELISA, Flow	Yes	Rabbit
IgG	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB11013*</a>	Human	1268A	ELISA	No	Rabbit
IgG	R&D Systems	<a href="#">F0135</a>	Human	Poly	Flow	Yes	Goat
IgG	R&D Systems	<a href="#">G-101-C-ABS</a>	Human	Poly		No	Goat
IgM F(ab') <sub>2</sub>	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-75024</a>	Human	Poly	CLIA, ELISA, Flow, IA, ICC/IF, IHC, IM, WB	Yes	Goat
IgM Fc fragment	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB500-468</a>	Human	CH2	ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, WB	Yes	Mouse
IgM $\mu$ Chain	R&D Systems	<a href="#">G-105-C</a>	Human	Poly		No	Goat
IgM	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-75077</a>	Human	Poly	CLIA, ELISA, Flow, IA, ICC/IF, IHC, IM, WB	Yes	Rabbit
IgM	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-60670</a>	Human	Poly	ELISA, FLISA, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes	Goat
IgM	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9435*</a>	Human	2123A	ELISA, SW, WB	No	Rabbit
IgM	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB94351*</a>	Human	2123C	ELISA, SW, WB	No	Rabbit

Species Key: + Additional Species Available

**Applications Key:** **CLIA** Chemiluminescence Immunoassay, **CyTOF** CyTOF-Ready, **ELISA** Capture and/or Detection, **EM** Electron Microscopy, **FLISA** Fluorophore-linked Immunosorbent Assay, **Flow** Flow Cytometry, **IA** Immunoassay, **ICC/IF** Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence, **IHC** Immunohistochemistry, **IM** Immunomicroscopy, **SW** Simple Western™, **WB** Western blot

\*Indicates a recombinant monoclonal antibody

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## EXOSOME ANALYSIS WITH EXOSOME DX™

Exosome Diagnostics (ExosomeDx™) is the clinical diagnostic laboratory service of Bio-Techne. It is focused on the development and commercialization of revolutionary biofluid-based diagnostics to deliver personalized precision healthcare that improves lives using exosome analysis. Exosomes are small lipid vesicles that are very similar in structure to enveloped viruses like the coronavirus. ExosomeDx has clinical laboratories for high complexity testing in both the United States (Waltham, MA) and Europe (Munich, Germany). The Waltham CLIA lab is New York state-certified, ISO15189, and has a BSL-2 environment devoted to performing diagnostic testing from a range of different biofluids.

The ExosomeDx platform can yield comprehensive and dynamic molecular insights to transform how diseases are diagnosed, treated, and monitored. To aid with this SARS-CoV2 crisis, we have pivoted resources to help solve the current lack of diagnostic testing. We are available to partner with major health care systems, researchers, and providers to leverage our expertise by developing and performing assays such as:

- SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic qPCR testing
- SARS-CoV-2 serology assays
- Novel RNA biomarkers in plasma to monitor drug treatment and disease-associated responses with complete RNA profiling

The expertise in exosome isolation and biomarker development has made ExosomeDx the “go-to” biomarker platform for many pharmaceutical companies that utilize these capabilities to diagnose, stratify, and monitor patient response in various clinical studies. The proprietary exosome isolation platform enables complete RNA (monitor thousands of targets simultaneously) and protein markers (cell surface and encapsulated) profiling. Exosomes also play a role in normal physiology and monitoring them in biofluids can give information on many different pathways and processes (see the following citations: García-Silva, S. *et al.*, 2019; Hydrbring, P. *et al.*, 2018; Krug, A.K. *et al.*, 2018; McKiernan, J. *et al.*, 2018; Simonson, O.E. *et al.*, 2016; Zanello, S.B. *et al.*, 2018). Exosomes have generated significant diagnostic and therapeutic opportunities, including most recently, a clinical trial using therapeutic exosomes for severe COVID-19 (NCT04276987).

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## RNAscope™ *IN SITU* HYBRIDIZATION ASSAYS

RNAscope™ assays enable researchers to study SARS-CoV-2 infections in host tissues by chromogenic and fluorescent *in situ* hybridization (ISH). With over 400 publications, researchers worldwide have successfully applied this cutting-edge technology in pursuit of a better understanding of DNA viruses, RNA viruses, and retroviruses. In particular, this molecular virology tool has been used to accurately pinpoint the site and spread of the viral infections in different tissues and organs, as well as in developing and verifying animal models, determining the pathogen-elicited immune response, and for evaluating the efficacy of vaccines. For a multi-omics approach, combining RNAscope™ ISH with immunohistochemistry (IHC) allows spatially resolved gene expression analysis at the RNA and protein level to understand complex multicellular interactions within the tissue.

RNAscope™ uses Advanced Cell Diagnostics' (ACD) unique, patented probe design strategy to enable simultaneous signal amplification and background noise suppression. Unlike traditional ISH methods, its specific double-Z probe design prevents amplification of non-specific signals. In addition, the three double Z probe design and signal amplification increases sensitivity such that even a single molecule of RNA can be detected.

Recently, ACD designed RNAscope™ probes from the SARS-CoV-2 genome. Using the RNAscope™ detection kit and accompanying protocol, SARS-CoV-2 can be detected and visualized in various tissues/organs, similar to studies investigating MERS-CoV (Figure 1). In addition to selecting a predesigned probe for SARS-CoV-2, researchers also have the option to design made-to-order target probes for examining different regions of interest.

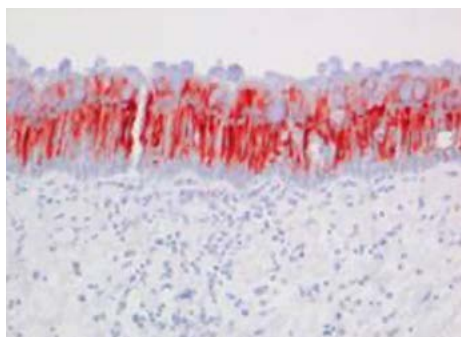


Figure 1. Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) is another pathogenic coronavirus. During the development of the viral vaccine, Haagman *et al.* demonstrated the efficacy of the vaccine using RNAscope™ technology. MERS-CoV viral RNA was detected in the nasal respiratory epithelium of camels using an RNAscope probe that specifically targets the nucleocapsid mRNA of the MERS-CoV virus. (positive ISH signal is shown in red). To learn more about this study please refer to Haagmans, B.L. *et al.* (2016) *Science* **351**:77 (doi: 10.1126/science.aad1283).

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RNAscope FOR SARS-COV-2		
CATALOG #	PROBE NAME	DESCRIPTION
848561	RNAscope Probe - V-nCoV2019-S	Designed to specifically detect the Spike (S) protein of the Novel Coronavirus to avoid cross detection of SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, other coronaviruses, Ebola virus or HIV.
845701	RNAscope Probe - V-nCoV2019-S-sense	A "sense" probe designed to target the antisense strand of the S gene, which can be used to visualize viral replication in individual cells.
848151	RNAscope Probe - Hs-ACE-2	Provides highly sensitive detection of ACE-2 receptor expression in cells and tissue sections.
470341	RNAscope Probe - Hs-TMPRSS2	Detects the transmembrane serine protease TMPRSS2.
310361	RNAscope Probe - Hs-IL-1β/IL-1F2	Detects the proinflammatory cytokine IL-1β/IL-1F2.
310371	RNAscope Probe - Hs-IL-6	Detects the proinflammatory cytokine IL-6.
310381	RNAscope Probe - Hs-IL-8/CXCL8	Detects the proinflammatory cytokine IL-8/CXCL8.
310421	RNAscope Probe - Hs-TNF-α	Detects the proinflammatory cytokine TNF-α.

## CELL CULTURE FOR VIRUS RESEARCH

Viruses are pathogenic intracellular parasites that require living cells to multiply. Animal viruses, like SARS-CoV-2, need cells from a host animal for replication. Cultured host cells provide a convenient and cost-effective method for cultivating animal viruses. Cell culture systems allow for the investigation of viral replication and host-pathogen interaction, virus detection and identification, and vaccine production.

A successful cell culture depends on creating and maintaining optimal culture conditions. Bio-Techne supports cell culture with high quality reagents including cell culture media, serum, defined media supplements, highly bioactive growth factors and small molecules, hydrogels, extracellular matrices, and basement membrane extracts for cell culture attachment. We also offer a wide variety of fetal bovine serum (FBS), manufactured at our ISO 9001:2105 certified facility, to support general cell culture, stem cell cultures, and many other specialized cell culture needs. We also have USDA APHIS-certified, US Origin, and USDA-approved grades of FBS. We understand the vital impact quality FBS has on today's evolving cell culture technology and have, thus, established a network of raw materials to ensure direct control over all processes involved in the manufacture of our FBS.

CELL CULTURE MEDIA		
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #
DMEM, high glucose, no glutamine, no sodium pyruvate	R&D Systems	<a href="#">M22850</a>
RPMI 1640, GlutaminePlus	R&D Systems	<a href="#">M30850</a>
RPMI 1640, L-glutamine	R&D Systems	<a href="#">M30150</a>

ANTIBIOTICS/ANTIFUNGALS		
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #
Gentamicin (10 mg/mL)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B20192</a>
Penicillin-Streptomycin 10/10 (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B21210</a>
Penicillin-Streptomycin 5/5 (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B21110</a>
Antibiotic-Antimycotic (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B22110</a>
Amphotericin B (Fungizone)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B23192</a>

FETAL BOVINE SERUM				
PRODUCT	BRAND	VOLUME	CATALOG #S	
			REGULAR	HEAT INACTIVATED
Fetal Bovine Serum - Optima	R&D Systems	50 mL	<a href="#">S12495</a>	<a href="#">S12495H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Optima	R&D Systems	100 mL	<a href="#">S12410</a>	<a href="#">S12410H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Optima	R&D Systems	500 mL	<a href="#">S12450</a>	<a href="#">S12450H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Premium	R&D Systems	50 mL	<a href="#">S11195</a>	<a href="#">S11195H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Premium	R&D Systems	100 mL	<a href="#">S11110</a>	<a href="#">S11110H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Premium	R&D Systems	500 mL	<a href="#">S11150</a>	<a href="#">S11150H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Premium Select	R&D Systems	50 mL	<a href="#">S11595</a>	<a href="#">S11595H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Premium Select	R&D Systems	100 mL	<a href="#">S11510</a>	<a href="#">S11510H</a>
Fetal Bovine Serum - Premium Select	R&D Systems	500 mL	<a href="#">S11550</a>	<a href="#">S11550H</a>

BUFFERS, SOLUTIONS AND ADDITIONAL REAGENTS		
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #
Cell Freezing Medium - II	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B71295</a>
DPBS, no Ca <sup>2+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> salts, no phenol red	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B30250</a>
Fico/Lite-LM (Mouse)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">I40650</a>
Fico/Lite-LymphoH™	R&D Systems	<a href="#">I40150</a>
GlutaminePlus - 200mM (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B90210</a>
GlutaminePlus, powder	R&D Systems	<a href="#">R90210</a>
L-Glutamine - 200mM (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B90010</a>
L-Glutamine, powder	R&D Systems	<a href="#">R90010</a>
HEPES (Ultra Pure), powder	R&D Systems	<a href="#">R35150</a>

BUFFERS, SOLUTIONS AND ADDITIONAL REAGENTS		
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #
HEPES Buffer Solution (1 M)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B35110</a>
MEM Sodium Pyruvate Solution - 100mM	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B84010</a>
Trypsin 0.05% - EDTA 0.53 mM (1X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B81110</a>
Trypsin 0.25% - EDTA 1mM (1X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B81350</a>
Trypsin 0.5% - EDTA 5.3 mM (10X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B81210</a>
Trypsin 2.5% (10X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B81710</a>

## THERAPEUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT – DEVELOPING ANTI-COVID-19 DRUGS

Each day the number of confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infections worldwide is rising, creating an urgent need to develop effective treatments. At present, researchers are focused on three key areas for potential treatments: specific antiviral drugs, stem cell therapies, and vaccine development. Drug development for COVID-19 can be classified into four categories:

- I. Testing new uses for existing antiviral drugs
- II. Screening small molecule libraries
- III. Developing antiviral drugs that target specific players in the SARS-CoV-2 life cycle
- IV. Monitoring disease progression and targeting the cytokine storm

### TESTING NEW USES FOR EXISTING ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

Developing new drugs that are safe and effective is both time-consuming and costly. However, repurposing existing drugs, also known as drug repositioning, is a strategy that may enable a more rapid response to infectious disease outbreaks. Since the efficacy and safety of FDA approved drugs have been established, the amount of time required to bring a repurposed drug to the market may be dramatically reduced.

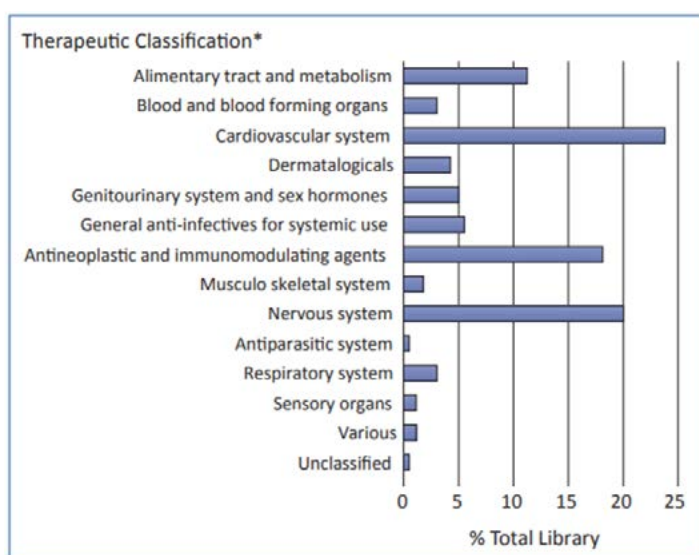


Figure 2. The Tocriscreen Library of FDA-Approved Drugs (Tocris, Catalog # 7200, coming soon) offers 190 FDA-approved compounds supplied pre-dissolved in DMSO. This library of compounds is ideal for screening assays for drug repurposing.

The first step in finding an effective treatment for SARS-CoV-2 is testing existing antiviral drugs developed against SARS, MERS, Ebola, and HIV. For example, the anti-Ebola drug, Remdesivir, which was developed by Gilead Science Inc. and reported positive results after completion of Phase III clinical trials in the United States, is now being investigated as a potential anti-COVID-19 therapeutic by the NIH. In the fight against COVID-19 infection, many clinical studies have also been initiated in China. Kelizhi, marketed as an anti-HIV therapy in the United States, has recently been registered for a clinical trial in combination with interferons in China. Arbidol, which was approved to treat the flu in China, is also being evaluated. Bio-Techne supports the ongoing research to quickly identify a COVID-19 drug by offering a Tocriscreen compound library of 190 FDA-approved drugs that cover over 12 different therapeutic classifications (Figure 2).

### SCREENING SMALL MOLECULE LIBRARIES

Libraries of bioactive compounds can also be screened with the aim of developing a novel therapeutic against COVID-19. Tocris offers a library of 1280 fully annotated compounds for screening and identifying compounds that could target SARS-CoV-2. The Tocriscreen 2.0 compound library, which has very little overlap with other libraries on the market, is available in 3 formats.

#### TOCRISCREEN COMPOUND LIBRARIES

	2.0 MICRO (CATALOG # 7152)	2.0 MINI (CATALOG # 7151)	2.0 MAX (CATALOG # 7150)
#. of Compounds	1280	1280	1280
Volume	15 µL	50 µL	250 µL
Solution Format	10 mM DMSO	10 mM DMSO	10 mM DMSO
Seal	Peelable foil seal	SepraSeal Cap	SepraSeal Cap
Storage Format	96-well, v-bottom microplate	96-well racks with Matrix™ storage tubes	96-well racks with Matrix storage tubes
Storage Temperature	-20°C	-20°C	-20°C
Stability (for at least)	6 months, prior to opening	6 months	6 months



## DEVELOPING ANTIVIRAL DRUGS THAT TARGET SPECIFIC PLAYERS IN THE SARS-COV-2 LIFE CYCLE

SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV are homologous, with their RNA sequences sharing ~80% identity. Research on SARS-host protein interactions with both viruses have shown that the viral spike (S) protein binds human ACE-2 located on the surface of mucosal cells, resulting in fusion of viral and cell membranes for viral entry. Viral entry also requires priming of the S protein by host cell proteases including TMPRSS2 and Cathepsin B/L. Involvement of ADAM17/TACE in this process, which cleaves ACE-2, remains questionable.

Since the S protein, ACE-2, TMPRSS2, and Cathepsin B/L, have important functions in the SARS-CoV-2 life cycle, these proteins serve as potential targets for drug development. A recent study by Hoffmann *et al.* demonstrated that ACE-2 and TMPRSS2 are required for host cell entry. Blocking ACE-2 with an Anti-Human ACE-2 Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # [AF933](#)) and inhibiting TMPRSS2 with the protease inhibitor Camostat attenuated viral entry. This publication also showed that E 64d (Tocris, Catalog # [4545](#)), a cathepsin inhibitor, prevents viral cell entry *in vitro*, in combination with Camostat. Bio-Techne offers various reagents (Figures 3-8) to support the development of neutralizing antibodies and inhibitors against proteins involved in key steps in SARS-CoV-2 infection.

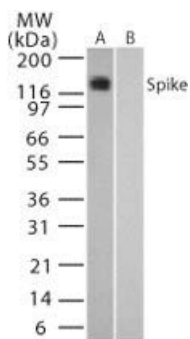


Figure 3. Western blot shows lysates of a mouse melanoma cell line either transfected (A) or not transfected (B) with a plasmid to express the S protein. The membrane was probed with a Rabbit Anti-SARS Spike Protein Polyclonal Antibody (Novus Biologicals, Catalog # [NB100-56578](#)).

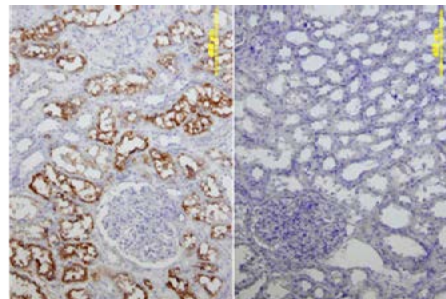


Figure 4. ACE-2 in Human Kidney. ACE-2 was detected in immersion-fixed paraffin-embedded sections of human kidney using a Goat Anti-Human ACE-2 Antigen Affinity-Purified Polyclonal Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # [AF933](#)). The tissue was stained using the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell & Tissue Staining Kit (R&D Systems, Catalog # [CTS008](#); brown) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). Lower panel shows a lack of labeling if primary antibodies are omitted and tissue is stained only with secondary antibody followed by incubation with detection reagents

RECOMBINANT PROTEINS					
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	SOURCE	TAG
ACE-2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">933-ZN</a>	Human	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">3437-ZN</a>	Mouse	CHO	No
Aminopeptidase N/CD13	R&D Systems	<a href="#">3815-ZN</a>	Human	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">2335-ZN</a>	Mouse	NS0	No
Cathepsin B (Native Protein)	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-99197</a>	Human	Human liver	No
Cathepsin B	R&D Systems	<a href="#">953-CY</a>	Human	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">965-CY</a>	Mouse	NS0	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-53084</a>	Mouse	Baculovirus	No
Cathepsin L	R&D Systems	<a href="#">952-CY</a>	Human	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">1515-CY</a>	Mouse	NS0	No
CEACAM-1/CD66a	R&D Systems	<a href="#">2244-CM</a>	Human	NS0	No
DDPIV/CD26 (High Purity Dimer)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">9168-SE</a>	Human	NS0	No
DDPIV/CD26	R&D Systems	<a href="#">954-SE</a>	Mouse	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">9637-SE</a>	Cynomolgus Monkey	HEK293	No
EMMPRIN/CD147	R&D Systems	<a href="#">972-EMN</a>	Human	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">772-EM</a>	Mouse	NS0	His
Furin	R&D Systems	<a href="#">1503-SE</a>	Human	NS0	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">6450-SE</a>	Mouse	CHO	No
Ly6E	R&D Systems	<a href="#">9970-L6</a>	Human	HEK293	No
Neutrophil Elastase/ELA2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">9167-SE</a>	Human	CHO	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">4517-SE</a>	Mouse	NS0	No
<a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 S Protein RBD</a>	R&D Systems	<a href="#">10499-CV</a>	SARS-CoV-2	HEK293	No
<a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein</a>	R&D Systems	<a href="#">10474-CV</a>	SARS-CoV-2	Sf21	His
<a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 Papain-like Protease</a>	R&D Systems	<a href="#">E-611</a>	SARS-CoV-2	<i>E. coli</i>	No
SARS-CoV-2 3CL Protease	R&D Systems	<a href="#">Please inquire</a>	SARS-CoV-2	<i>E. coli</i>	No
TMPRSS2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">H00007113-Q01</a>	Human	Wheat germ	No
TMPRSS2 Recombinant Protein Antigen	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-38263PEP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
TMPRSS2 Overexpression Lysate	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBL1-17121</a>	Human	HEK293T	No

ANTIBODIES						
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
ACE-2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-67692*</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	SN0754	ICC/IF, IHC, IP, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-80035</a>	Human	AC18F	ELISA, Flow, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB933</a>	Human	171606	IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9331</a>	Human	171608	IP, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF933</a>	Human	Poly	IHC, IP, SW, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF3437</a>	Mouse	Poly	IHC, IP, SW, WB	No
Aminopeptidase N/ CD13	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-77451</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poly	Flow, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-23492</a>	Human, Mouse	R3-63	FA, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB3815</a>	Human	498001	ICC/IF, IHC, SW, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF3815</a>	Human	Poly	CyTOF, Flow, IHC, IP, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-64843</a>	Mouse	ER-BMDM1	Flow, IHC	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF2335</a>	Mouse	Poly	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, WB	Yes
Cathepsin B	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-19797</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-67215*</a>	Human, Mouse	JA11-02	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB965</a>	Human, Mouse	173317	WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-86048</a>	Human	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF953</a>	Human	Poly	IHC, IP, KO, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-25931</a>	Human	Poly	ELISA	FITC
Cathepsin L	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF965</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-1775</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	33/2	ELISA, ICC/IF, IHC, MiAR, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-67216*</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	JM10-78	Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9521</a>	Human, Mouse	204101	IHC, IP, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB952</a>	Human	204106	IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF952</a>	Human	Poly	ELISA, IHC, IP, WB	Yes
CEACAM-1/CD66a	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF1515</a>	Mouse, Rat	Poly	IHC, SW, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB2244</a>	Human	283340	CyTOF, Flow, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB22441</a>	Human	283324	ELISA, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF2244</a>	Human	Poly	IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43390</a>	Mouse	CC1	B/N, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, IVT, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF6480</a>	Mouse	Poly	CyTOF, Flow, IHC, WB	No
DDPIV/CD26	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-59674</a>	Rat	11-1H	ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-59021</a>	Human +	Poly	IHC	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-78791</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	JM11-42	ICC/IF, IHC, Flow, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB1180</a>	Human	222113	CyTOF, ELISA, Flow, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF1180</a>	Human	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC, SW, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9541</a>	Mouse	155202	CyTOF, Flow	Yes
EMMPRIN/CD147	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF954</a>	Mouse	Poly	IHC, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-61658</a>	Rat	Poly	IHC, PEP-ELISA, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB500-430</a>	Human +	MEM-M6/1	CyTOF, ELISA, Flow, IHC, IP, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB972</a>	Human	109403	KO, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF972</a>	Human	Poly	IHC, KO, SW, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB7721*</a>	Mouse	1159A	IHC, WB	Yes
Furin	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB772</a>	Mouse	116318	WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF772</a>	Mouse	Poly	CyTOF, Flow, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-64848</a>	Rat	OX-47	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-1903</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	B/N, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-75495*</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	JB35-53	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB15032</a>	Human	222712	ELISA, WB	No
Furin	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF1503</a>	Human	Poly	IP, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-26104</a>	Human	Poly	PEP-ELISA, WB	No

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MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
Ly6E	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-52176</a>	Mouse	Poly	Flow, ICC/IF, PEP-ELISA	No
Neutrophil Elastase/ELA2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-61657</a>	Human, Rat	6B6G6	ELISA, Flow, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-61658</a>	Human +	6B6B10	ELISA, Flow, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB91671R*</a>	Human	950317R	CyTOF, ICC/IF, IHC, Flow-IC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB91671</a>	Human	950317	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-66972*</a>	Human	JF098-6	Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB4517</a>	Mouse	887105	WB	No
SARS Spike Protein	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-24942</a>	Virus	17F706	WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-24808</a>	Virus	Poly	ELISA	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-56578</a>	Virus	Poly	ICC/IF, WB	No
SARS-CoV 3CL Protease	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-78110</a>	Virus	Poly	ELISA, ICC/IF, WB	No
SARS Nucleocapsid Protein	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-56683</a>	Virus	Poly	WB, ELISA, ICC/IF	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-56049</a>	Virus	Poly	WB, ELISA	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-24747</a>	Virus	Ncap11	WB, ICC/IF	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-24745</a>	Virus	18F629.1	WB	No
SARS E2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-28850</a>	Virus	4A6C9	ELISA, WB	No
SARS Envelope Protein	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-56562</a>	Virus	Poly	WB, ELISA	No
SARS Membrane Protein	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-56569</a>	Virus	Poly	WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-28852</a>	Virus	2H2C4	ELISA, WB	No
SARS RDRP	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-50258</a>	Virus	4E6	WB	Yes
TMPRSS2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">H00007113-M05</a>	Human	2F4	WB, ELISA	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-20984</a>	Human	Poly	WB, PEP-ELISA	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">H00007113-B01P</a>	Human	Poly	WB	No

PEPTIDE SUBSTRATES			
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
Mca-YVADAPK(Dnp)-OH Fluorogenic Peptide Substrate	R&D Systems	<a href="#">ES007</a>	Substrate for ACE-2 and Caspase-1
Z-LR-AMC Fluorogenic Peptide Substrate	R&D Systems	<a href="#">ES008</a>	Substrate for Cathepsin B, Cathepsin L, and Cathepsin V

**Species Key:** + Additional Species Available

**Applications Key:** **B/N** Blocking/Neutralization, **CyTOF** CyTOF-Ready, **ELISA** Capture and/or Detection, **FA** Functional Assay, **Flow** Flow Cytometry, **Flow-IC** Flow Cytometry (Intracellular), **ICC/IF** Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence, **IHC** Immunohistochemistry, **IP** Immunoprecipitation, **IVT** *In Vitro*, **KO** Knockout Validated, **MIAR** Microarray, **PEP-ELISA** Peptide ELISA, **SW** Simple Western™, **WB** Western blot

\*Indicates a recombinant monoclonal antibody

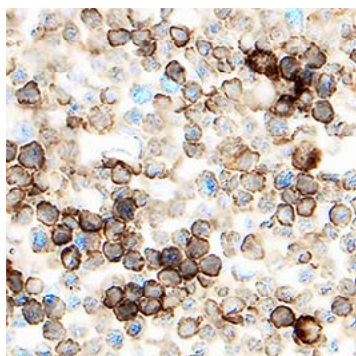


Figure 5. DPPIV/CD26 was detected in immersion fixed frozen sections of mouse thymus using Goat Anti-Mouse DPPIV/CD26 Antigen Affinity-Purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # [AF954](#)). The tissue was stained using the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell & Tissue Staining Kit (Catalog # [CTS008](#); brown) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). Specific staining was localized to lymphocytes. All cited reagents are from R&D Systems.

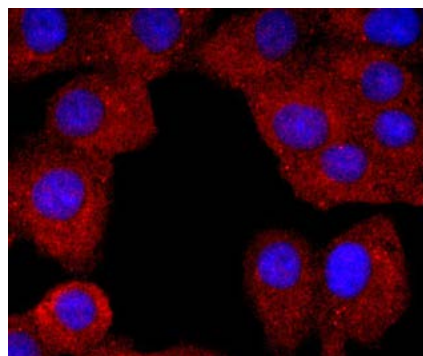


Figure 6. Neutrophil Elastase/ELA2 was detected in fixed A549 human lung carcinoma epithelial cells using a Rabbit Anti-Human Neutrophil Elastase/ELA2 Recombinant Monoclonal Antibody (Novus Biologicals, Catalog # [NBP2-66972](#)). Cells were stained red and counterstained with DAPI (blue).

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MOLECULE	BRAND	SPECIES	CATALOG #	KIT TYPE
ACE-2	R&D Systems	Human	DY933	DuoSet®
	Novus Biologicals	Human	NBP2-66387	Chemiluminescence
	Novus Biologicals	Human	NBP2-78734	Colorimetric
Aminopeptidase N/CD13	R&D Systems	Human	DY3815	DuoSet
Pro-Cathepsin B	R&D Systems	Human	DCATB0	Quantikine®
	R&D Systems	Human	DY953	DuoSet
Total Cathepsin B	R&D Systems	Human	DY2176	DuoSet
Cathepsin B	Novus Biologicals	Mouse	NBP2-67254	Colorimetric
	Novus Biologicals	Rat	NBP2-67255	Colorimetric
Cathepsin L	R&D Systems	Human	DY952	DuoSet
	Novus Biologicals	Mouse	NBP2-89172	Colorimetric
	Novus Biologicals	Rat	NBP2-89173	Colorimetric
CEACAM-1/CD66a	R&D Systems	Human	DY2244	DuoSet
EMMPRIN/CD147	R&D Systems	Human	DEMP00	Quantikine
	R&D Systems	Human	DY972	DuoSet
Furin	R&D Systems	Human	DY1503	DuoSet
	Novus Biologicals	Human	NBP2-67962	Colorimetric
Neutrophil Elastase/ELA2	R&D Systems	Mouse	DY4517	DuoSet
	R&D Systems	Human	DY9167	DuoSet
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MELA20	Quantikine
TMPRSS2	Novus Biologicals	Human	NBP2-89170	Colorimetric
	Novus Biologicals	Human	NBP2-89171	Chemiluminescence

## SMALL MOLECULES

PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
CHR 2797	Tocris	<a href="#">3595</a>	Aminopeptidase inhibitor, also called Tosedostat
MDL 28170	Tocris	<a href="#">1146</a>	Potent and selective Calpain and Cathepsin B inhibitor
CA 074	Tocris	<a href="#">4863</a>	Selective Cathepsin B inhibitor
Calpeptin	Tocris	<a href="#">0448</a>	Calpain and Cathepsin L inhibitor
SID 26681509	Tocris	<a href="#">3625</a>	Cathepsin L inhibitor
N-Acetyl-L-leucyl-L-leucyl-L-methional	Tocris	<a href="#">0384</a>	Cathepsin inhibitor
E 64d	Tocris	<a href="#">4545</a>	Cathepsin inhibitor; interferes with autolysosomal digestion
DPPI 1c	Tocris	<a href="#">2783</a>	DPPIV/CD26 inhibitor
K 579	Tocris	<a href="#">2790</a>	DPPIV/CD26 inhibitor
NVP DPP 728	Tocris	<a href="#">3506</a>	Potent DPPIV/CD26 inhibitor; orally active
Saxagliptin	Tocris	<a href="#">6507</a>	High affinity DPPIV/CD26 inhibitor; active <i>in vivo</i>
SSM 3	Tocris	<a href="#">5253</a>	Potent Furin inhibitor
ONO 6818	Tocris	<a href="#">5651</a>	High affinity and selective Human Neutrophil Elastase 1 (HNE1) inhibitor; orally active
BAY 678	Tocris	<a href="#">5706</a>	Potent Human Neutrophil Elastase (HNE) inhibitor; cell permeable
BAY 677	Tocris	<a href="#">6389</a>	Inactive control for BAY 678 (Catalog # 5706)
Camostat	Tocris	<a href="#">3193</a>	TMPRSS2 inhibitor
Hydroxychloroquine sulfate	Tocris	<a href="#">5648</a>	Autophagy inhibitor, also inhibits TLR9; inhibits SARS-CoV-2 viral infection

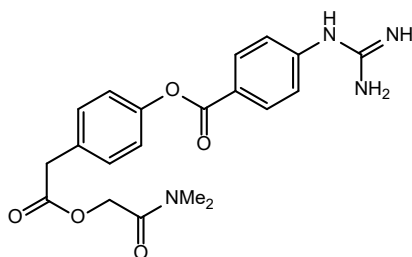


Figure 7. Camostat mesylate (Tocris, Catalog # [3193](#)) is an orally active protease inhibitor. Hoffmann *et al.* showed that camostat mesylate can block SARS-CoV-2 infection of lung cells.

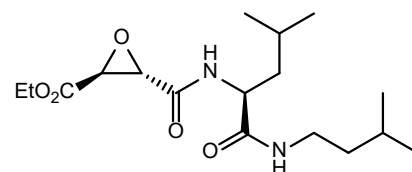


Figure 8. E 64d (Tocris, Catalog # [4545](#)) is an inhibitor of Cathepsin B and L. Hoffmann *et al.* showed that E 64d can inhibit entry of SARS-CoV-2 into cells when combined with the TMPRSS2 inhibitor, Camostat mesylate.

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## MONITORING DISEASE PROGRESSION AND TARGETING THE CYTOKINE STORM

According to reports from the General Office of National Health Commission Office of State TCM Administration: [Diagnosis and Treatment Protocol for Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia \(Trial Version 6, Revised\)](#), severe and critically ill patients with SARS-CoV-2 often have elevated inflammatory factors. Similarly, a proinflammatory cytokine response has been associated with SARS-CoV infections. Therefore, analysis of inflammatory factors in severe patients may be used to monitor disease progression, disease trends, evaluate prognosis, and guide therapy.

Cytokines (including inflammatory cytokines) are signaling proteins involved in intercellular communication that are released by a broad range of cell types. Within the immune system, cytokines regulate immunological and inflammatory responses. Through the course of viral infections, overactivation of the immune system may lead to excessive production of immune cells and inflammatory cytokines, a process commonly referred to as a cytokine storm or cytokine release syndrome (CRS). SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV infections are frequently associated with inflammatory cellular pulmonary infiltration and elevated proinflammatory cytokines, which lead to acute lung injury (ALI) and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In severe cases, local lung inflammation may lead to sepsis syndrome. The plasma cytokine profile of patients with pulmonary infection and subsequent sepsis show acute release of tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), IL- $\beta$ /IL-1F2, IL-8/CXCL8, and CCL2/monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1), followed by sustained release of IL-6. Release of IL-10 follows as the immune system attempts to control the inflammation.

For SARS-CoV-2 infection, recent epidemiological studies have proposed a correlation between elevated levels of inflammatory cytokines and disease severity. Patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 show high levels of IL-1, IFN-, CXCL10/IP-10, and CCL2/MCP-1. Moreover, patients with severe symptoms show significantly higher levels of plasma proinflammatory factors (IL-2, IL-7, IL-10, G-CSF, CXCL10/IP-10, CCL2/MCP-1, CCL3/MIP-1 $\alpha$ , TNF- $\alpha$ ) than patients with milder symptoms.

These findings suggest that, similar to patients infected with SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV, the levels of cytokine secretion may correlate with the severity of lung lesions in COVID-19 patients. Consequently, therapies that regulate the activity of inflammatory cytokines, such as neutralizing/blocking antibodies or inhibitors, may prove effective at alleviating tissue and organ damage caused by the cytokine storm. Known to suppress cytokine storms in cell therapy, Tocilizumab, a humanized monoclonal antibody against the IL-6 receptor (IL-6 R), has recently been registered in a multicenter, randomized controlled clinical study to evaluate its efficacy for treating COVID-19 (registration number: ChiCTR2000029765).

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### PRODUCTS TO INVESTIGATE THERAPEUTIC MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES

BIOSIMILAR ANTIBODIES						
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	THERAPEUTIC ANTIBODY	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
IL-6 R	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-75192</a>	Human	rhPM-1	Tocilizumab	No
IL-6 R	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-75193</a>	Human	rhPM-1	Tocilizumab	No
IL-6 R $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB10346*</a>	Human	Hu137	Sarilumab	No
TNF- $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9677</a>	Human	Hu7	Adalimumab	Yes
Integrin $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 7/ LPAM-1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB10078</a>	Human	Hu117	Vedolizumab	Yes
CD25/IL-2 R $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9926</a>	Human	Hu107	Basiliximab	Yes
CD25/IL-2 R $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9927</a>	Human	Hu102	Daclizumab	Yes

ANTI-IDIOTYPE ANTIBODIES				
ANTIBODY	BRAND	CATALOG #	CLONE	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
Adalimumab	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9616*</a>	2235F	No
Adalimumab	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB9546</a>	972557	No
Daclizumab	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB10218*</a>	2498A	No

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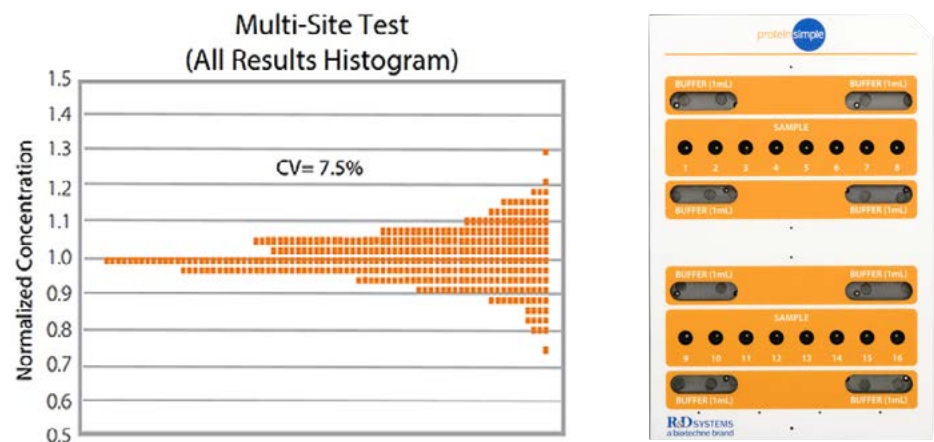


Figure 9. Testing across three sites, 11 users and nine Ella instruments. Four different assays were processed for CCL2, IL-6, TNF-α and VEGF-A. Eight unique serum samples with two controls for a total of 704 answers. The 16x4 cartridge used in this study is ideal for small batches of samples and provides highly reproducible multianalyte biomarker analysis in real-time.

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COVID-19 CYTOKINE ANALYSIS PANEL	
PRODUCT CODE	ANALYTES DETECTED
SPCKA-PS-003229	IL-1β/IL-1F2, IL-6, IL-8/CXCL8, TNF-α

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LUMINEX HIGH PERFORMANCE ASSAYS		
PRODUCT	MAXIMUM # ANALYTES DETECTED	CATALOG #
Human XL Cytokine High Performance Panel	45	FCSTM18
CCL2/JE/MCP-1, CCL3/MIP-1 $\alpha$ , CCL4/MIP-1 $\beta$ , CCL5/RANTES, CCL11/Eotaxin, CCL19/MIP-3 $\beta$ , CCL20/MIP-3 $\alpha$ , CD40 Ligand/TNFSF5, CX3CL1/Fractalkine, CXCL1/GRO $\alpha$ /KC/CINC-1, CXCL2/GRO $\beta$ /MIP-2/CINC-3, CXCL10/IP-10, FGF basic/FGF2/bFGF, Flt-3 Ligand/FLT3L, G-CSF, GM-CSF, Granzyme B, IFN- $\alpha$ /IFNA2, IFN- $\beta$ , IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-1 $\alpha$ /IL-1F1, IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2, IL-1 $\alpha$ /IL-1F3, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7		
Human High Sensitivity Cytokine Panel A	12	FCSTM09
GM-CSF, IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2, IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-8/CXCL8, IL-10, IL-12 p70, TNF- $\alpha$ , VEGF		
Human High Sensitivity Cytokine Panel B	17	FCSTM14
GM-CSF, IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2, IL-2, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-13, IL-15, IL-17A, IL-17F, IL-22, IL-23, IL-31, IL-33, IL-36 $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$		
Human Fixed Th1/Th2 Discovery 11-plex	11	LKTM008
GM-CSF, IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2, IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-10, IL-12 p70, IL-13, TNF- $\alpha$		
NHP XL Cytokine High Performance Panel	35	FCSTM21
BDNF, CCL2/MCP-1, CCL5/RANTES, CCL11/Eotaxin, CCL20/MIP-3 $\alpha$ , CD40 Ligand/TNFSF5, CXCL2/GRO , CXCL10/IP-10, CXCL11/I-TAC, CXCL13/BLC, FGF basic/FGF2/bFGF, G-CSF, GM-CSF, Granzyme B, IFN- $\alpha$ , IFN- , IFN- , IL-1 /IL-1F2, IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8/CXCL8, IL-10, IL-12 p70, IL-13, IL-15, IL-17A, IL-21, PDGF-AA, PDGF-BB, PD-L1, TGF- $\alpha$ , TNF- $\alpha$		

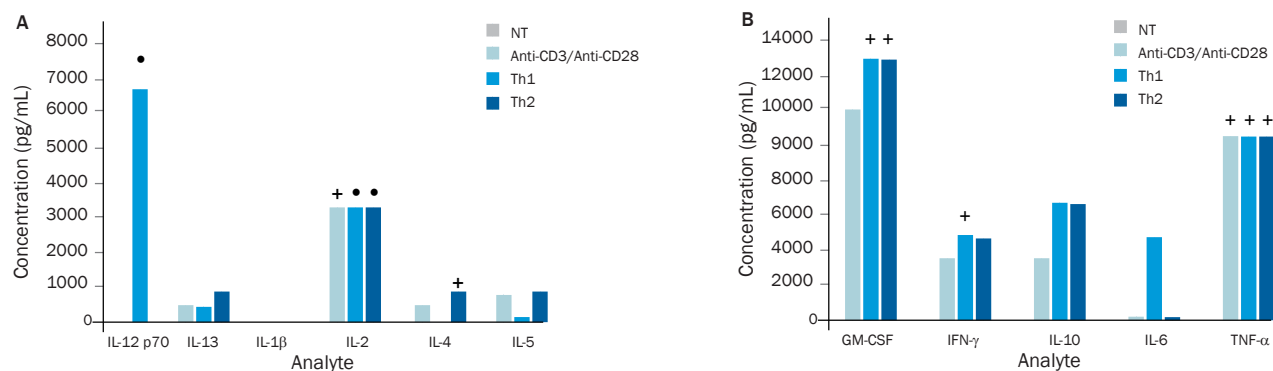


Figure 10. Quantitation of Cytokines in Cell Culture Supernates from Activated Th1 and Th2 Cells. CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were isolated from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) using the MagCelect Human CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit (R&D Systems, Catalog # [MAGH102](#)). Cells were either untreated (NT), treated with Recombinant Human IL-2 (R&D Systems, Catalog # [202-IL](#)), Recombinant Human IL-12 (R&D Systems, Catalog # [219-IL](#)), and Mouse Anti-Human IL-4 Monoclonal Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # [MAB304](#)) and activated with immobilized Mouse Anti-Human CD3 $\epsilon$  Monoclonal Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # [MAB100](#)) and soluble Mouse Anti-Human CD28 Monoclonal Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # [MAB342](#)) to induce Th1 differentiation, or treated with Recombinant Human IL-2 (R&D Systems, Catalog # [202-IL](#)) and activated with Phytohemagglutinin-L (PHA) to induce Th2 differentiation. All stimulated cells were then treated with PMA (Tocris, Catalog # [1201](#); 10 ng/mL) and Ionomycin calcium salt (Tocris, Catalog # [1704](#); 500 ng/mL) for 24 hours after activation. Cell culture supernates were analyzed using the Magnetic Luminex Performance Human Fixed Th1/Th2 Discovery 11-plex Panel (R&D Systems, Catalog # [LKTM008](#)).

+ = Values above the limits of the standard curve      • = Stimulating cytokine

## PROTEOME PROFILER™ ANTIBODY ARRAYS

R&D Systems™ Proteome Profiler Antibody Arrays offer a quick and inexpensive analysis of many analytes simultaneously, in less time than it takes to perform a Western blot (Figure 11-12). Highly cited and rated 5 stars by our customers, these membrane-based arrays are ideal for detecting cytokines released following viral infection.

- Cost-effective analyte profiling
- No specialized equipment needed, use standard Western blot data collection equipment
- Superior performance
- Multiple analyte results in only 5 ½ hours
- Multiple detection methods available\*

\*Select arrays only

PROTEOME PROFILER ANTIBODY ARRAYS			
PRODUCTS	DESCRIPTION	CATALOG #	SIZE
Human XL Cytokine Array Kit	Contains 4 membranes - each spotted in duplicate with 105 different cytokine antibodies	ARY022B	1 Kit
Adiponectin/Acrp30, Angiogenin, Angiopoietin-1, Angiopoietin-2, Apolipoprotein A1, BAFF/BlyS/TNFSF13B, BDNF, CCL2/JE/MCP-1, CCL3/CCL4 (MIP-1α/MIP-1β), CCL5/RANTES, CCL7/MCP-3, CCL17/TARC, CCL19/MIP-3β, CCL20/MIP-3α, CD14, CD30 CD40/TNFRSF5, Chitinase 3-like, Complement Component C5/C5a, Complement Factor D, C-Reactive Protein/CRP, Cripto-1, CXCL1/GROα, CXCL4/PF4, CXCL5/ENA-78, CXCL9/MIG, CXCL10/IP-10, CXCL11/I-TAC, CXCL12/SDF-1α, Cystatin C, Dkk-1, DPPIV/CD26, EGF, EMMPRIN, Endoglin/CD105, Fas Ligand, FGF basic/FGF2/bFGF, FGF-19, Flt-3 Ligand, G-CSF, GDF-15, GM-CSF, Growth Hormone, HGF, ICAM-1/CD54, IFN-γ, IGFBP-2, IGFBP-3, IL-1α/IL-1F1, IL-1β/IL-1F2, IL-1ra/IL-1F3, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12 p70, IL-13, IL-15, IL-16, IL-17A, IL-18 BPz, IL-19, IL-22, IL-23, IL-24, IL-27, IL-28, IL-31, IL-32 α/β/γ, IL-33, IL-34, Kallikrein 3/PSA, KGF/FGF-7, Leptin, LIF, Lipocalin-2/NGAL, M-CSF, MIF, MMP-9, Myeloperoxidase, Osteopontin (OPN), PDGF-AA, PDGF-AB/BB, Pentraxin 3/TSF-14, RAGE, RBP4, Relaxin-2, Resistin, Serpin E1/PAI-1, SHBG, ST2/IL-1 R4, TFF3, Tfr, TGF-α, Thrombopoietin, TIM-1/KIM-1/HAVCR, TNF-α, uPAR, VCAM-1/CD106, VEGF, Vitamin D BP			
Human Cytokine Array Kit	Contains 4 arrays - each spotted in duplicate with 36 different cytokine antibodies	ARY005B	1 Kit
CCL1/I-309, CCL2/MCP-1, CCL3/CCL4 (MIP-1α/MIP-1β), CCL5/RANTES, CD40 Ligand/TNFSF5, CXCL1/GROα, CXCL8/IL-8, CXCL10/IP-10, CXCL11/I-TAC, CXCL12/SDF-1α, G-CSF, GM-CSF, ICAM-1/CD54, IFN-γ, IL-1α/IL-1F1, IL-1β/IL-1F2, IL-1ra/IL-1F3, IL-2, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, IL-12 p70, IL-13, IL-16, IL-17, IL-17E/IL-25, IL-18, IL-21, IL-27, IL-32α, MIF, Serpin E1/PAI-1, TNF-α, TREM-1			

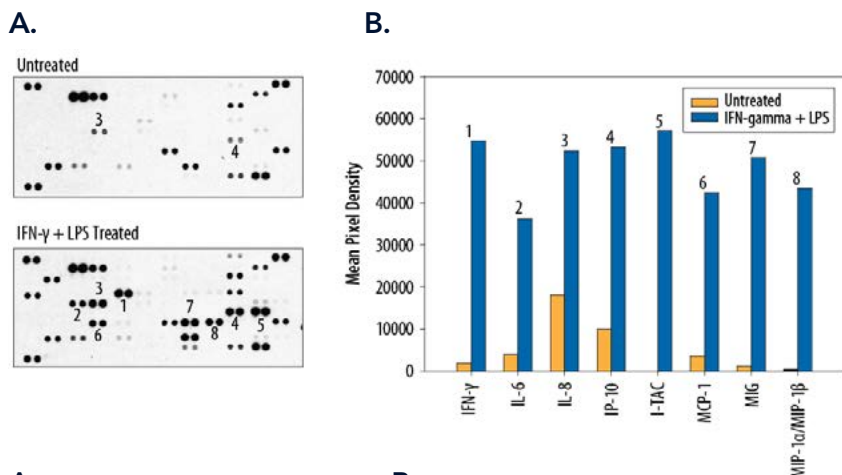


Figure 11. THP-1 human acute monocytic leukemia cells were treated with Recombinant Human IFN-γ (Catalog # 285-IF) for 16 hours, followed by LPS for 8 hours, or remained untreated. Lysates from untreated and treated cells were examined for the levels of 105 different cytokines using the Proteome Profiler Human XL Cytokine Antibody Array (Catalog # ARY022B). Representative arrays (A) and histogram profiles (B) for select analytes from untreated (orange) and treated (blue) cells. All cited reagents are from R&D Systems.

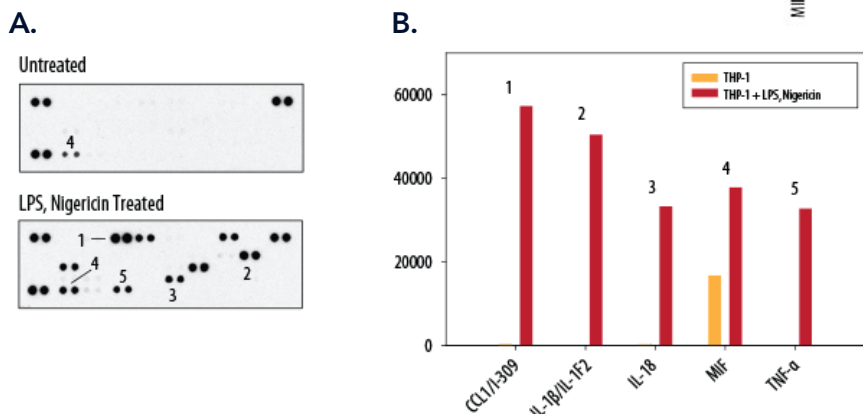


Figure 12. THP-1 human acute monocytic leukemia cells were treated with LPS for 4 hours, followed by the selective K<sup>+</sup> ionophore Nigericin (Tocris, Catalog # 4312), or remained untreated. Lysates from untreated and treated cells were examined for the levels of 36 different cytokines using the Proteome Profiler Human Cytokine Antibody Array (R&D Systems, Catalog # ARY005B). Representative arrays (A) and histogram profiles (B) for select analytes from untreated (orange) and treated (red) cells.



## ELISAS

Bio-Techne has over 30 years of experience in designing, testing, and optimizing immunoassay kits. Our R&D Systems™ brand ELISAs are the most trusted and most published ELISAs on the market (Figures 13-14). We currently offer kits for 700 target analytes spanning 12 species. R&D Systems Quantikine® ELISA Kits are complete, fully validated, ready-to-run sandwich ELISAs. They are manufactured in-house and undergo extensive validation testing to ensure that they perform as expected every time. R&D Systems™ DuoSet® ELISA Development Systems allow you to develop the immunoassay that you need using our gold-standard ELISA reagents. They are an economical alternative to buying separate antibodies and protein standards when complete kits are not an option.

### DUOSET ELISAS

- Contains carefully selected and validated antibodies, reducing development time
- Includes mass-calibrated recombinant standard, reducing assay variability
- Adaptable to work with multiple platforms, such as Gyrolab™, MSD®, and Luminox®
- The largest selection of analytes (>1000) for the most species
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- Most referenced on the market
- Complete, ready-to-use kits
- Undergoes rigorous validation testing to ensure superior quality and reproducibility
- Accurate detection of natural proteins
- Colorimetric detection

QUANTIKINE AND DUOSET ELISAS				
ANALYTE	BRAND	SPECIES	QUANTIKINE CATALOG #	DUOSET CATALOG #
CCL2/MCP-1	R&D Systems	Human	DCP00	DY279
CCL2/JE/MCP-1	R&D Systems	Mouse	MJE00B	DY479
	R&D Systems	Rat		DY3144
CCL3/MIP-1 $\alpha$	R&D Systems	Human	DMA00	DY270
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MMA00	DY450
CCL4/MIP-1 $\beta$	R&D Systems	Human	DMB00	DY271
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MMB00	DY451
CCL5/RANTES	R&D Systems	Human	DRN00B	DY278
	R&D Systems	Mouse, Rat	MMR00	DY478
CHI3L1/YKL-40	R&D Systems	Human	DC3L10	DY2599
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MC3L10	DY2649
CX3CL1/Fractalkine	R&D Systems	Human	DCX310	DY365
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MCX310	DY472
	R&D Systems	Rat		DY537
CXCL1/GRO $\alpha$	R&D Systems	Human	DGR00B	DY275
CXCL1/KC	R&D Systems	Mouse	MKC00B	DY453
CXCL1/CINC-1	R&D Systems	Rat	RCN100	DY515
CXCL9/MIG	R&D Systems	Human	DCX900	DY392
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MCX900	DY492
CXCL10/IP-10	R&D Systems	Human	DIP100	DY266
CXCL10/IP-10/CRG-2	R&D Systems	Mouse		DY466
GM-CSF	R&D Systems	Human*	DGM00	DY215
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MGM00	DY415
	R&D Systems	Rat		DY518
IFN- $\alpha$ 2/IFNA2	R&D Systems	Human		DY9345
IFN- $\beta$	R&D Systems	Human	DIFNB0	DY814
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MIFNB0	DY8234
IFN- $\gamma$	R&D Systems	Human	DIF50C	DY285B
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MIF00	DY485
	R&D Systems	Rat	RIF00	DY585
IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2	R&D Systems	Human*	DLB50	DY201
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MLB00C	DY401
	R&D Systems	Rat	RLB00	DY501

## QUANTIKINE AND DUOSET ELISAS

ANALYTE	BRAND	SPECIES	QUANTIKINE CATALOG #	DUOSET CATALOG #
IL-1ra/IL-1F3	R&D Systems	Human	DRA00B	DY280
	R&D Systems	Mouse	MRA00	DY480
IL-2	R&D Systems	Human*	D2050	DY202
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M2000	DY402
	R&D Systems	Rat	R2000	DY502
IL-4	R&D Systems	Human*	D4050	DY204
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M4000B	DY404
	R&D Systems	Rat	R4000	DY504
IL-6	R&D Systems	Human*	D6050	DY206
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M6000B	DY406
	R&D Systems	Rat	R6000B	DY506
IL-8/CXCL8	R&D Systems	Human*	D8000C	DY208
IL-10	R&D Systems	Human*	D1000B	DY217B
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M1000B	DY417
	R&D Systems	Rat	R1000	DY522
IL-12 p70	R&D Systems	Human	D1200	DY1270
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M1270	DY419
IL-15	R&D Systems	Human	D1500	DY247
	R&D Systems	Mouse		DY447
IL-17/IL-17A	R&D Systems	Human*	D1700	DY317
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M1700	DY421
IL-17A/F Heterodimer	R&D Systems	Human		DY5194
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M17AF0	DY5390
IL-18/IL-1F4	R&D Systems	Human	DL180	DY318
IL-23	R&D Systems	Human	D2300B	DY1290
	R&D Systems	Mouse	M2300	DY1887
TGF- $\beta$ 1	R&D Systems	Human	DB100B	DY240
	R&D Systems	Mouse Rat +	MB100B	DY1679
TNF- $\alpha$	R&D Systems	Human*	DTA00D	DY210
	R&D Systems	Mouse*	MTA00B	DY410
	R&D Systems	Rat	RTA00	DY510

\*High sensitivity Quantikine ELISAs are available for these analytes.

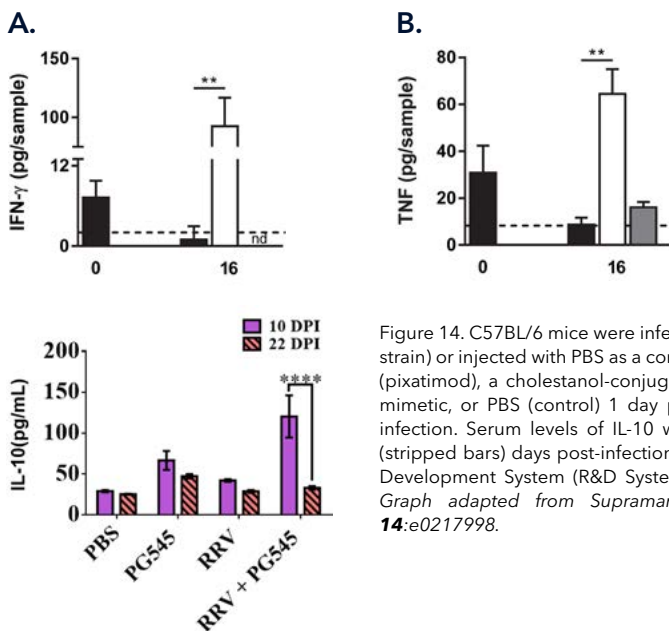


Figure 13. BALB/c mice were infected subcutaneously in the left footpad with *Mycobacterium ulcerans* strain 98-912. After development of a macroscopic lesion, mice were given two doses (s.c. injection) of Lysin B at 10 and 13 days post-infection. Levels of IFN- $\gamma$  (A) and TNF- $\alpha$  (B) were quantified in the draining lymph node from non-treated *M. ulcerans* infected mice (black bars), treated *M. ulcerans* infected mice (white bars), and non-infected mice (grey bars) using the R&D Systems Mouse IFN- $\gamma$  (Catalog # MIF00) and TNF- $\alpha$  (Catalog # MTA00B) Quantikine ELISA Kits. \*\* $p \leq 0.01$ . Graph adapted from Fraga, A.G. et al. (2019) PLoS Negl. Trop. Dis. **13**:e0007113.

Figure 14. C57BL/6 mice were infected with the Ross River virus (RRV-T48 strain) or injected with PBS as a control. Animals were treated with PG545 (pixatimod), a cholesterol-conjugated, small molecule, heparan sulfate mimetic, or PBS (control) 1 day pre-infection and 4 and 9 days post-infection. Serum levels of IL-10 were analyzed 10 (solid bars) and 22 (stripped bars) days post-infection using the Mouse IL-10 DuoSet ELISA Development System (R&D Systems, Catalog # DY401). \*\*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ . Graph adapted from Supramaniam, A. et al. (2019) PLoS ONE **14**:e0217998.

## ADDITIONAL CYTOKINE-RELATED PRODUCTS

RECOMBINANT PROTEINS					
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	SOURCE	TAG
CCL2/MCP-1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">279-MC</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-81837PEP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
CCL2/JE/MCP-1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">479-JE</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
CCL3/MIP-1 $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">270-LD</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">450-MA</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
CXCL10/IP-10	R&D Systems	<a href="#">266-IP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
CXCL10/IP-10/CRG-2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">466-CR</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
G-CSF	R&D Systems	<a href="#">214-CS</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">414-CS</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
IFN- $\gamma$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">285-IF</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">285-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">485-MI</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">201-LB</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">201-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">401-ML</a>	Mouse	HEK293T	No
IL-4	R&D Systems	<a href="#">204-IL</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">204-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">404-ML</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
IL-7	R&D Systems	<a href="#">207-IL</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">207-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">407-ML</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
TNF- $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">210-TA</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">210-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">410-MT</a>	Mouse	<i>E. coli</i>	No
VEGF	R&D Systems	<a href="#">293-VE</a>	Human	<i>Sf</i> 21	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">493-MV</a>	Mouse	<i>Sf</i> 21	No

ANTIBODIES						
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
CCL2/MCP-1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-22115</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	2D8	ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-07035</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poly	B/N, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB679</a>	Human	23007	B/N, ELISA, IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-279-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AB-479-NA</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, ELISA, WB	Yes
CCL3/MIP-1 $\alpha$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB670</a>	Human	14215	B/N, ELISA	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-270-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, ELISA, IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-450-NA</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, ELISA, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
CXCL10/IP-10	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB266</a>	Human	33036	B/N, CyTOF, ELISA, Flow	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-266-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, CyTOF, ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC	Yes
CXCL10/IP-10/CRG-2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-466-NA</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, IHC, WB	Yes

ANTIBODIES						
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
G-CSF	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB214</a>	Human	3316	B/N, ELISA	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-214-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB414</a>	Mouse	67604	B/N, ELISA, Flow, WB	Yes
IFN- $\gamma$	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB285</a>	Human	25718	B/N, Flow, ICC/IF	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB2852</a>	Human	K3.53	B/N, ELISA, Flow, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB485</a>	Mouse	37895	B/N, CyTOF, Flow, WB	Yes
IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-19775</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-27345</a>	Human	43N3D8	Flow, IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB601</a>	Human	2805	B/N, ELISA, ICC/IF, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-201-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, ICC/IF, IHC, ISH-IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-401-NA</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, ICC/IF, IHC, SW, WB	Yes
IL-4	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB204</a>	Human	34019	B/N, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB304</a>	Human	3007	B/N, ICC/IF, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB404</a>	Mouse	30340	B/N, ELISA, WB	No
IL-7	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB207</a>	Human	7417	B/N, ELISA, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-207-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF407</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, ELISA, WB	Yes
TNF- $\alpha$	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-19532</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-410-NA</a>	Human, Mouse	Poly	B/N, CyTOF, ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB610</a>	Human	28401	B/N, ELISA, ICC/IF, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AB-410-NA</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, WB	No
VEGF	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB293</a>	Human +	26503	B/N, ELISA, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-293-NA</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF-493-NA</a>	Mouse	Poly	B/N, ELISA, IHC, WB	Yes

SMALL MOLECULES			
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
AF 12198	Tocris	<a href="#">1793</a>	Potent, selective human type I IL-1 receptor antagonist
CP 424174	Tocris	<a href="#">6107</a>	Inhibitor of IL-1 $\beta$ post-translational processing; indirectly inhibits NLRP3
(D)-(+)-Neopterin	Tocris	<a href="#">4656</a>	Stimulated by IFN- $\gamma$ ; marker of immune activation
( $\pm$ )-AMG 487	Tocris	<a href="#">4487</a>	CXCR3 antagonist; inhibits cell migration and metastasis
( $\pm$ )-NBI 74330	Tocris	<a href="#">4528</a>	Potent and selective CXCR3 antagonist
VUF 11222	Tocris	<a href="#">5668</a>	High affinity non-peptide CXCR3 agonist
C 87	Tocris	<a href="#">5484</a>	TNF- $\alpha$ inhibitor
R 7050	Tocris	<a href="#">5432</a>	Inhibitor of TNF- $\alpha$ receptor 1 signaling
SKF 86002	Tocris	<a href="#">2008</a>	Inhibits human monocyte IL-1 and TNF- $\alpha$ production; p38 MAP kinase inhibitor
GIT 27	Tocris	<a href="#">3270</a>	Immunomodulator; reduces production of pro-inflammatory cytokines
JTE 607	Tocris	<a href="#">5185</a>	Cytokine release inhibitor; anti-inflammatory
Axitinib	Tocris	<a href="#">4350</a>	Potent VEGFR-1, -2 and -3 inhibitor
Ki 8751	Tocris	<a href="#">2542</a>	Potent, selective VEGFR-2 inhibitor

Species Key: + Additional Species Available

**Applications Key:** **B/N** Blocking/Neutralization, **CyTOF** CyTOF-Ready, **ELISA** Capture and/or Detection, **Flow** Flow Cytometry, **ICC/IF** Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence, **IHC** Immunohistochemistry, **ISH-IHC** Dual ISH-IHC, **SW** Simple Western™, **WB** Western blot

\*Indicates a recombinant monoclonal antibody



## PRODUCTS FOR ISOLATING AND IDENTIFYING IMMUNE CELLS

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MAGCELLECT CELL SELECTION KITS & REAGENTS			
PRODUCT	SPECIES	CATALOG #	BRAND
CD14 <sup>+</sup> Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH105</a>	R&D Systems
CD45 <sup>+</sup> Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH125</a>	R&D Systems
CD3 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH101</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM201</a>	R&D Systems
	Rat	<a href="#">MAGR301B</a>	R&D Systems
Naïve CD4 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH115</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM205</a>	R&D Systems
CD4 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH102</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM202</a>	R&D Systems
	Rat	<a href="#">MAGR302B</a>	R&D Systems
Memory CD4 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH116</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM206</a>	R&D Systems
Naïve CD8 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM207</a>	R&D Systems
CD8 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH112</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM203</a>	R&D Systems
Natural Killer Cell Isolation Kit	Human	<a href="#">MAGH109</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">MAGM210</a>	R&D Systems
MagCelect Magnet	N/A	<a href="#">MAG997</a>	R&D Systems
MagCelect Streptavidin Ferrofluid	N/A	<a href="#">MAG999B</a>	R&D Systems

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CELLXVIVO KITS			
PRODUCT	SPECIES	CATALOG #	BRAND
Dendritic Cell Differentiation Kit	Mouse	<a href="#">CDK008</a>	R&D Systems
M1 Macrophage Differentiation Kit	Human	<a href="#">CDK012</a>	R&D Systems
M2 Macrophage Differentiation Kit	Human	<a href="#">CDK013</a>	R&D Systems
Monocyte-derived DC Differentiation Kit	Human	<a href="#">CDK004</a>	R&D Systems
Natural Killer Cell Expansion Kit	Human	<a href="#">CDK015</a>	R&D Systems
Th1 Cell Differentiation Kit	Human	<a href="#">CDK001</a>	R&D Systems
	Mouse	<a href="#">CDK018</a>	R&D Systems
Th17 Cell Differentiation Kit	Mouse	<a href="#">CDK017</a>	R&D Systems

## CLOUDZ™ CELL EXPANSION KITS

Bio-Techne's Cloudz Cell Expansion Kits utilize our pioneering Cloudz dissolvable hydrogel for the activation and expansion of specific immune cell populations. Using these dissolvable microspheres eliminates the need to use magnetic particles.

CLOUDZ KITS			
PRODUCT	SPECIES	CATALOG #	BRAND
Natural Killer Cell Expansion Kit	Human	<a href="#">CLD004</a>	R&D Systems
Treg Expansion Kit	Human	<a href="#">CLD006</a>	R&D Systems

## ANTIBODIES FOR IMMUNE CELL IDENTIFICATION

Flow cytometry is widely used to identify and characterize different immune cell types in heterogeneous samples. It primarily relies on the use of fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies to detect the expression of specific cell surface or intracellular antigens on single cells in suspension. Bio-Techne offers an unparalleled selection of fluorochrome-conjugated R&D Systems and Novus Biologicals antibodies qualified for flow cytometry (Figures 15-17). Hundreds of world-renowned unique clones are available from the R&D Systems brand, many of which have been used to establish CD nomenclature through HLDA workshops. Additionally, the Novus Biologicals brand includes an expansive collection of both proprietary antibodies and some of the most highly referenced antibody clones on the market.

FLOW CYTOMETRY-VALIDATED ANTIBODIES				
CELL SURFACE MOLECULES	SPECIES	CLONE	BRAND	FLUOROCROME-CONJUGATED ANTIBODIES (CATALOG # - FLUOROCROME)
NAÏVE T CELLS				
CD3 <sup>+</sup>	Human	UCHT1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB100-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	17A2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4841-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	145-2C11	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52641*</a>
CD45RA <sup>+</sup>	Human	MEM-56	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB500-329-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
CD45RO <sup>-</sup>	Human	UCHL-1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-33104</a>
CD62L/L-Selectin <sup>+</sup>	Human +	FMC46	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-65388</a>
	Human	DREG56	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-42795</a>
	Human	4G8	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB9787-G</a> , R, T
	Mouse	MEL-14	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-81083*</a>
CCR7 <sup>+</sup>	Human	3D12	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43332</a>
	Human	150503	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB197-A</a> , F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Human	150503R	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB197R-G</a> , N, R, S, T, U, V*
	Mouse	4B12	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB3477-A</a> , G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
TH1 CELLS				
CD3 <sup>+</sup>	Human	UCHT1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB100-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	17A2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4841-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	145-2C11	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52641*</a>
CD4 <sup>+</sup>	Human	RPA-T4	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-25199</a>
	Human	13B8.2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52670*</a>
	Human	11B30	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB3791-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, V
	Mouse	GK1.5	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB554-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
T-bet/TBX21 <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse +	4B10	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43298</a>
	Human	525831	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB53851-G</a> , N, R, S, T, U, V*
IFN-γ <sup>+</sup>	Human	25723	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC285-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
TNF-α <sup>+</sup> (membrane form)	Human, Mouse +	52B83	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-1422</a>
	Human	6401	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB210-F</a> , P
	Human	6402	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC210-F</a> , P

FLOW CYTOMETRY-VALIDATED ANTIBODIES				
CELL SURFACE MOLECULES	SPECIES	CLONE	BRAND	FLUOROCHROME-CONJUGATED ANTIBODIES (CATALOG # - FLUOROCHROME)
TH17 CELLS				
CD3 <sup>+</sup>	Human	UCHT1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB100-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	17A2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4841-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	145-2C11	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52641*</a>
CD4 <sup>+</sup>	Human	RPA-T4	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-25199</a>
	Human	13B8.2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52670*</a>
	Human	11830	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB3791-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	GK1.5	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB554-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
CCR4 <sup>+</sup>	Human	205410	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1567-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
CCR6 <sup>+</sup>	Human	53103	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB195-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Human	53103R	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB195R-G</a> , N, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	140706	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB590-A</a> , G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	140706R	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB590R-G</a> , N, R, S, T, U, V*
CCR10/GPR2 <sup>+</sup>	Human	314305	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB3478-A</a> , G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Human	314305R	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB3478R-G</a> , N, R, S, T, U, V*
	Mouse	248918	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB2815-A</a> , C, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	248918R	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB2815R-G</a> , N, R, S, T, U, V*
RORα/NR1F1	Human	784651	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC8924-G</a> , N, P, R, S, T, U, V
RORγt/RORC2/NR1F3 <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse	600380	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC6006-A</a> , C, P
	Human	1181A	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC9125-A</a> , G, N, R, S, T, U, V *
IL-17/17A <sup>+</sup>	Human	41802	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC3171-A</a> , C, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Human	41809	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC317-A</a> , G, N, P
CYTOTOXIC T CELLS				
CD3 <sup>+</sup>	Human	UCHT1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB100-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	17A2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4841-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	145-2C11	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52641*</a>
CD8 <sup>+</sup>	Human	37006	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1509-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	YTS 105.18	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52659*</a>
	Mouse	53-6.7	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB116-A</a> , F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
IFN-γ <sup>+</sup>	Human	25723	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC285-A</a> , C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V

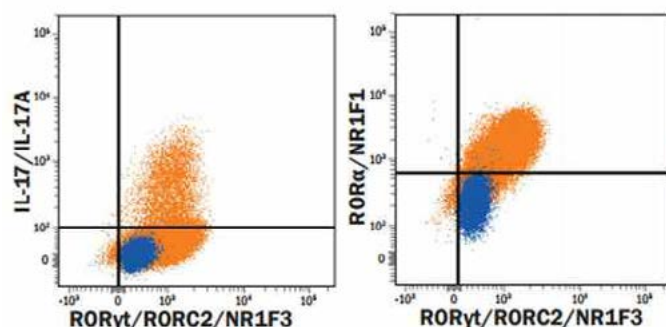


Figure 15. CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were isolated from total human PBMCs using a cell selection protocol, such as the one found in the MagSelect™ Human CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit (Catalog # [MAGH102](#)). Isolated cells were incubated in media containing Recombinant Human IL-2 (Catalog # [202-IL](#)), Human TGF-β1 (Catalog # [100-B](#)), Recombinant Human IL-23 (Catalog # [1290-IL](#)), Recombinant Human IL-6 (Catalog # [206-IL](#)), Recombinant Human IL-1β (Catalog # [201-LB](#)), and a Goat Anti-Human IFN-γ Affinity-Purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # [AF-285-NA](#)), followed by stimulation with PMA, calcium ionomycin, and monensin. Live, single, CD4<sup>+</sup> cells are shown in the dot plots, determined using a fixable viability dye, doublet exclusion, and staining with an Alexa Fluor® 594-conjugated Mouse Anti-Human CD4 Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [FAB3791T](#)). The cells were additionally stained using an Alexa Fluor® 700-conjugated Mouse Anti-Human IL-17/IL-17A Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [IC3171N](#)), a PE-conjugated Mouse Anti-Human RORα/NR1F1 Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [IC8924P](#)), and an Alexa Fluor® 488-conjugated Rabbit Anti-Human/Mouse RORγt/RORC2/NR1F3 Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [IC9125G](#)). Dot plots show the relative IL-17/IL-17A<sup>+</sup>, RORα/NR1F1<sup>+</sup>, and RORγt/RORC2/NR1F3<sup>+</sup> cells in CD4<sup>+</sup> resting (blue dots, lower left) and Th17-differentiated (orange dots, upper right quadrants) cell populations. Quadrant markers were set based on staining with the appropriate isotype controls (Catalog # [IC003T](#), # [IC0041N](#), # [IC0041P](#), and # [IC1051G](#)). All cited reagents are from R&D Systems.

## FLOW CYTOMETRY-VALIDATED ANTIBODIES

CELL SURFACE MOLECULES	SPECIES	CLONE	BRAND	FLUOROCHROME-CONJUGATED ANTIBODIES (CATALOG # - FLUOROCHROME)
CLASSICAL DENDRITIC CELLS				
CD11b/Integrin $\alpha M^+$	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB110-89474</a>
	Human, Mouse +	M1/70.15	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-1327</a>
	Human	ICRF44	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1699</a> -G, N, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	M1/70	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1124</a> -A, F, G, N, P, R, , T, U, V
CD11c <sup>+</sup>	Human +	BU15	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-45018</a>
	Human	3.9	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-2711</a>
	Human	ICRF3.9	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1777</a> -A, C, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	N418	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB69501</a> -G, N, R, S, T, U, V
HLA-DR <sup>+</sup>	Human +	L243	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-77855</a>
	Human	TAL 1B5	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-989</a>
	Human	L203	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4869</a> -A, C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
NATURAL KILLER CELLS				
CD3 <sup>-</sup>	Human	UCHT1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB100</a> -A, C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	17A2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4841</a> -A, C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	145-2C11	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52641</a> *
CD56/NCAM <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse, Rat	735	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-52669</a> *
	Human, Rat +	123C3 (123C3.D5)	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-33132</a>
	Human	ERIC-1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-2718</a>
CD127/IL-7R $\alpha$ <sup>-</sup>	Human	40131	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB306</a> -A, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	1140A	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB7473</a> -G, N, R, S, T, U, V *
	Mouse	A7R34	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB47742</a> -A, G, N, P
T-bet/TBX21 <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse +	4B10	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43298</a>
	Human	525831	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB53851</a> -G, N, R, S, T, U, V *
EOMES <sup>+</sup>	Human	644730	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC6166</a> -A, G, N, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	1219A	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC8889</a> -G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V *

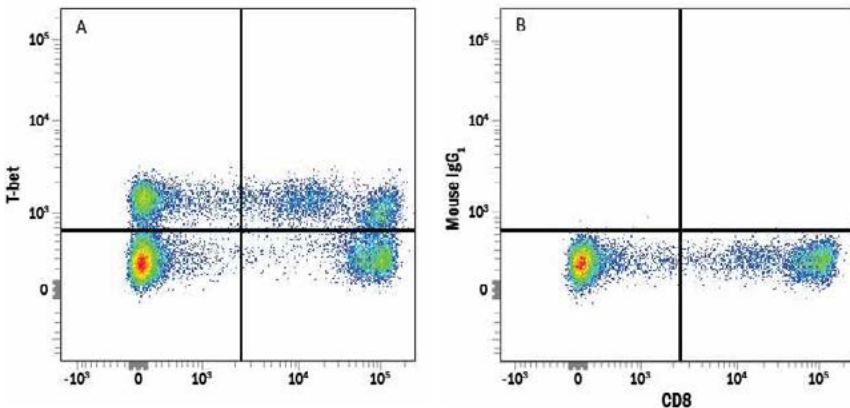


Figure 16. CD4<sup>+</sup> Human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) treated with an anti-human IL-4 polyclonal antibody and Recombinant Human IL12 (Catalog # [219-IL](#)) to induce Th1 cell development were stained with a PE-conjugated Mouse Anti-Human IFN $\gamma$  Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [IC285P](#)) and either an (A) Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 488conjugated Mouse Anti-Human Tbet/TBX21 Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [IC53851G](#)) or a (B) Mouse IgG1 Alexa Fluor 488 Isotype Control (Catalog # [IC002G](#)). To facilitate intracellular staining, cells were fixed and permeabilized with FlowX FoxP3 Fixation & Permeabilization Buffer Kit (Catalog # [FC012](#)). All cited reagents are from R&D Systems.



## FLOW CYTOMETRY-VALIDATED ANTIBODIES

CELL SURFACE MOLECULES	SPECIES	CLONE	BRAND	FLUOROCROME-CONJUGATED ANTIBODIES (CATALOG # - FLUOROCROME)
M1 MACROPHAGES				
B7-1/CD80 <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse	16-10A1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43385</a>
B7-2/CD86 <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse, Rat	BU63	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-25208</a>
	Mouse	GL1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB741</a> -G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
CD68/SR-D1 <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	ED1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-985</a>
	Human, Mouse, Rat	KP1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-683</a>
	Human	298807	R&D Systems	<a href="#">IC20401</a> -A, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
	Mouse	FA-11	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-33337</a>
CD163 <sup>-</sup>	Human +	EDHu-1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB110-40686</a>
	Human, Rat	GHI/61	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43341</a>
	Human	215927	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1607</a> -A, C, G, N, R, S, T, U, V
	Rat	ED2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-39099</a>
HLA-DR <sup>+</sup>	Human +	L243	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-77855</a>
	Human	TAL 1B5	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-989</a>
	Human	L203	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4869</a> -A, C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
iNOS <sup>+</sup>	Human, Mouse	4E5	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-22119</a>
M2 MACROPHAGES				
CD163 <sup>-</sup>	Human +	EDHu-1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB110-40686</a>
	Human, Rat	GHI/61	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-43341</a>
	Human	215927	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB1607</a> -A, C, G, N, R, S, T, U, V
	Rat	ED2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-39099</a>
HLA-DR <sup>low</sup>	Human +	L243	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-77855</a>
	Human	TAL 1B5	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-989</a>
	Human	L203	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB4869</a> -A, C, F, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V
MMR/CD206/Mannose Receptor <sup>+</sup>	Human	685641	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FAB25342</a> -A, G, N, P, R, S, T, U, V

**Fluorochrome Key:** **A** Allophycocyanin, **C** PerCP, **F** Fluorescein, **G** Alexa Fluor® 488, **N** Alexa Fluor 700, **P** Phycoerythrin, **R** Alexa Fluor 647, **S** Alexa Fluor 750, **T** Alexa Fluor 594, **U** Alexa Fluor 350, **V** Alexa Fluor 405. For the full list of available fluorochromes, browse [novusbio.com](https://novusbio.com).

\*Indicates a recombinant monoclonal antibody

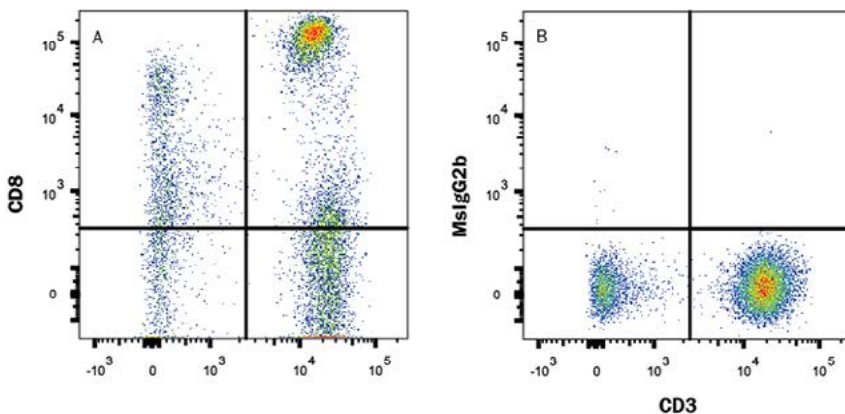


Figure 17. Human peripheral blood lymphocytes were stained with an **(A)** APC-conjugated Mouse Anti-Human CD8a Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [FAB1509A](#)) or a **(B)** Mouse IgG2B isotype control antibody (Catalog # [IC0041A](#)) and a PE-conjugated Mouse Anti-Human CD3e Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # [FAB100P](#)). All cited reagents are from R&D Systems.

## THERAPEUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT – STEM CELL RESEARCH

Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) are multipotent stem cells with the capacity to differentiate into various cell lineages. MSCs directly participate in the repair of tissue damage and modulate the immune response. MSCs have previously been reported to treat viral infections, specifically, alleviating acute lung injury caused by H5N1 and H9N2 influenza viruses. Production of chemokines and proinflammatory cytokines were reduced and MSCs limited the entry of inflammatory cells into the lungs. Thus, MSCs appear to suppress the adverse effects of the immune response and may relieve symptoms of viral infections by reducing inflammation, inflammatory exudations, and alveolar capillary endothelial cell loss.

While there are no clinically approved stem cell therapies to prevent and treat COVID-19 infections, several research projects have been initiated to investigate the use of MSC as a treatment option. Additionally, using lung organoids to simulate the pulmonary environment can provide a more accurate evaluation of drug efficacy. Bio-Techne offers workflow solutions for MSC and organoid research, including products for isolation, culture, differentiation and identification (Figure 18). We also offer a large supply of GMP cytokines and growth factors for ex vivo cell manufacturing. Full transparency and traceability of source and manufacturing systems is necessary for building a cell therapy product. As such, our large supply of GMP proteins is backed by our dedication to providing cell therapy manufacturers a consistent, safe, and traceable supply of reagents. Browse our full cell and gene therapy manufacturing portfolio at [bio-techne.com](https://www.bio-techne.com).

### PRODUCTS FOR MSCS

MSC ISOLATION KITS, CRYOPRESERVATION MEDIA & CONTAMINATION MONITORING			
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
StemXVivo™ Serum-free MSC Freezing Media	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CCM016</a>	For serum-free cryopreservation of Human/Mouse/Rat MSCs
CryoDefend™-Stem Cells Media	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CCM018</a>	For defined MSC cryopreservation
Y-27632	Tocris	<a href="#">1254</a>	Selective ROCK inhibitor; improves survival rate of stem cells undergoing cryopreservation
MagCollect™ Mouse MSC Isolation Kit	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAGM212B</a>	Uses negative selection to isolate mouse MSCs
MycoProbe Mycoplasma Detection Kit	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CUL001B</a>	Detect common antibiotic-resistant cell culture contaminants

MSC EXPANSION MEDIA			
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
StemXVivo™ Mesenchymal Stem Cell Expansion Media	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CCM004</a>	Media for human, mouse, and rat MSCs
StemXVivo™ GMP Human MSC Expansion Media	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CCM026</a>	GMP-grade media for human MSC expansion
StemXVivo™ Xeno-Free Human MSC Expansion Media	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CCM021</a>	Free of non-human animal-derived components
StemXVivo™ Serum-Free Human MSC Expansion Media	R&D Systems	<a href="#">CCM014</a>	Serum free expansion media

PROTEINS FOR MSC CULTURING					
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	GMP VERSION CATALOG #	SPECIES	SOURCE
BMP-2	R&D Systems	<a href="#">355-BM</a>	<a href="#">355-GMP*</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	CHO
BMP-4	R&D Systems	<a href="#">314-BP</a>	<a href="#">314-GMP</a>	Human	NS0
EGF	R&D Systems	<a href="#">236-EG</a>	<a href="#">236-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>
FGF basic/FGF2/bFGF (146 aa)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">233-FB</a>	<a href="#">233-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>
IGF-I/IGF-1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">291-G1</a>	<a href="#">291-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>
PDGF-BB	R&D Systems	<a href="#">220-BB</a>	<a href="#">220-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>
TGF-β1	R&D Systems	<a href="#">240-B</a>	<a href="#">240-GMP</a>	Human	CHO
VEGF 165	R&D Systems	<a href="#">293-VE</a>	<a href="#">293-GMP**</a>	Human	<i>Sf 21</i>
Wnt-4	R&D Systems	<a href="#">6076-WN</a>		Human	CHO
Wnt-5b	R&D Systems	<a href="#">7347-WN</a>		Human	CHO
Wnt-10b	R&D Systems	<a href="#">7196-WN</a>		Human	CHO

\*The GMP version of BMP-2 is Human only.

\*\*The source for the GMP version of VEGF 165 is *Sf 9*.

SMALL MOLECULES FOR MSC DIFFERENTIATION			
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
SP 600125	Tocris	<a href="#">1496</a>	Selective JNK Inhibitor
SK 216	Tocris	<a href="#">6187</a>	Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) inhibitor
Dexamethasone	Tocris	<a href="#">1126</a>	Anti-inflammatory glucocorticoid
Zebularine	Tocris	<a href="#">2293</a>	DNA methyltransferase and cytidine deaminase inhibitor
AICAR	Tocris	<a href="#">2840</a>	AMPK activator
5-Azacytidine	Tocris	<a href="#">3842</a>	DNA methyltransferase inhibitor
TCS 2210	Tocris	<a href="#">3877</a>	Inducer of neuronal differentiation in MSCs
Nicotinamide	Tocris	<a href="#">4106</a>	PARP-1 inhibitor
Kartogenin	Tocris	<a href="#">4513</a>	Potently induces chondrogenesis in MSCs
Purmorphamine	Tocris	<a href="#">4551</a>	Smo receptor agonist
Strontium chloride	Tocris	<a href="#">4749</a>	Calcium Sensing Receptor (CaSR) agonist
GSA 10	Tocris	<a href="#">4918</a>	Smo Receptor agonist
Liothyronine sodium	Tocris	<a href="#">5552</a>	Thyroid Hormone (T3) analog; also promotes adipogenic differentiation of MSCs
KI-7	Tocris	<a href="#">6787</a>	Positive allosteric modulator of A2B receptors

MSC IDENTIFICATION KITS, FLOW CYTOMETRY KITS & ANTIBODY PANELS				
PRODUCT	SPECIES	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION
MSC Functional Identification Kit	Human	R&D Systems	<a href="#">SC006</a>	Verifies multipotency by <i>in vitro</i> functional differentiation
	Mouse	R&D Systems	<a href="#">SC010</a>	
	Rat	R&D Systems	<a href="#">SC020</a>	
MSC 4-Color Flow Kit	Human	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FMC002</a>	Verifies MSC/stromal cell identity by flow cytometry
	Mouse	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FMC003</a>	
MSC Verification Flow Kit	Human	R&D Systems	<a href="#">FMC020</a>	Antibodies for MSC verification according to the markers proposed by the International Society for Cellular Therapy
MSC Marker Antibody Panel	Human	R&D Systems	<a href="#">SC017</a>	Antibody panel for the verification of MSC/stromal cell identity by flow cytometry
	Mouse	R&D Systems	<a href="#">SC018</a>	

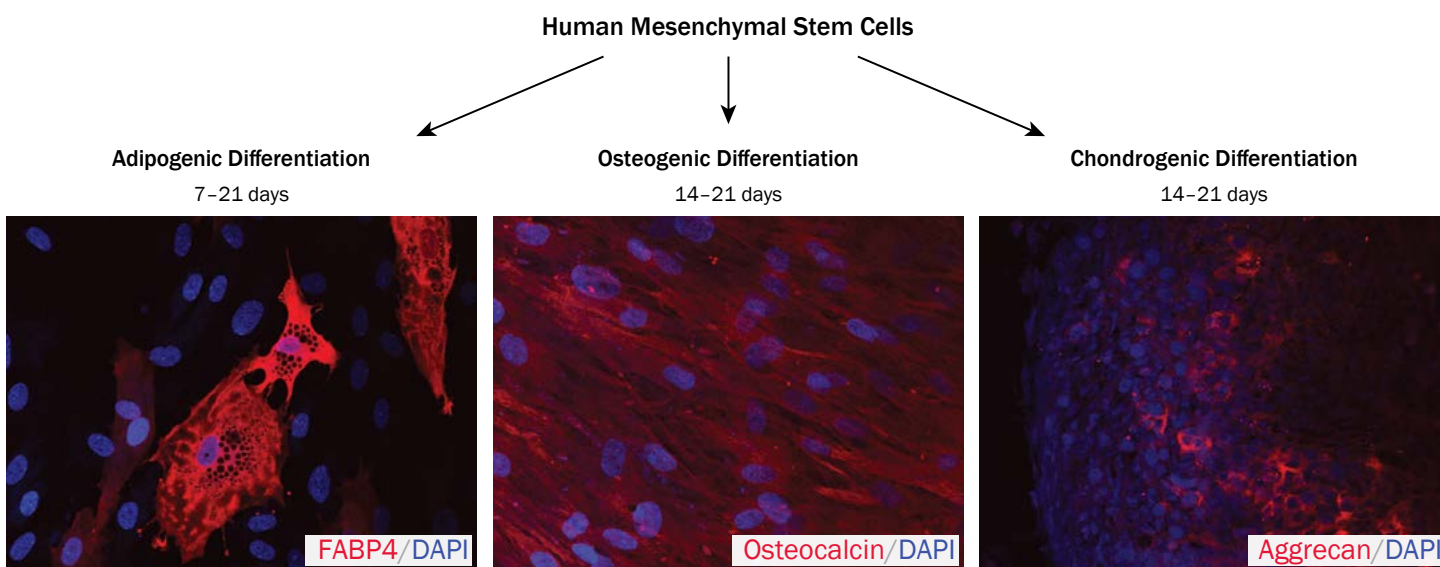


Figure 18. Human mesenchymal stem cells were cultured in StemXVivo™ Mesenchymal Stem Cell Expansion Media (Catalog # [CCM004](#)) and differentiation was induced as indicated using the media supplements included in the Human Mesenchymal Stem Cell Functional Identification Kit (Catalog # [SC006](#)). The kit also contains a Goat Anti-Mouse FABP-4 Antigen Affinity-Purified Polyclonal Antibody (adipocytes), a Goat Anti-Human Aggrecan Antigen Affinity-Purified Polyclonal Antibody (chondrocytes), and a Mouse Anti-Human Osteocalcin Monoclonal Antibody (Osteocytes) for the confirmation of differentiation status. The cells were stained using the NorthernLights™ 557-conjugated Donkey Anti-Goat (Catalog # [NL001](#); red) or Anti-Mouse (Catalog # [NL007](#); red) IgG Secondary Antibodies, and the nuclei were counterstained with DAPI (blue). All cited reagents are from R&D Systems.

ANTIBODIES FOR MSC MARKERS						
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
5'-Nucleotidase/CD73 <sup>+</sup>	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-85740</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-48480</a>	Human	AD2	Flow, IHC	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF5795</a>	Human	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC, SW, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF4488</a>	Mouse +	Poly	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	Yes
ALCAM/CD166 <sup>+</sup>	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF1172</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-88129</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poly	IHC	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB6561</a>	Human	105902	CyTOF, ELISA, Flow, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB1172</a>	Mouse	200622	CyTOF, Flow, WB	Yes
CD11b <sup>+</sup>	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB110-89474</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, ISH, ISH-IHC, SCW, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-1327</a>	Human, Mouse +	M1/70.15	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP	Yes
CD14	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-37291</a>	Human, Mouse	4B4F12	CyTOF, ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, ISH-IHC, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB100-77758</a>	Human +	M5E2	B/N, CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB3832</a>	Human	134620	B/N, CyTOF, Flow	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB982</a>	Mouse	159010	CyTOF, Flow, WB	Yes
CD19	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-24965</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	1D3	CyTOF, Flow, IV, IP	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-25196</a>	Human, Mouse	CB19	CyTOF, Flow, ICC/IF, IVT, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB4867</a>	Human	4G7-2E3	CyTOF, Flow	Yes
CD34	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-29455</a>	Human, Rat	ICO-115	Flow, ICC/IF, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF7227</a>	Human	Poly	IHC, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB600-1071</a>	Mouse, Rat	MEC 14.7	ELISA, Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, WB	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF4117</a>	Rat	Poly	IHC, WB	Yes

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## PRODUCTS FOR LUNG ORGANOID

BASE MEDIA FOR LUNG ORGANOID CULTURE				
PRODUCT	BRAND	CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION	
N-2 MAX Media Supplement (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AR009</a>	Fully defined supplement for culturing stem cells; alternative to N-2	
GMP N-2 MAX Media Supplement (100X), Animal-free	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AR016</a>	Serum-free and animal-free media supplement for ex vivo cell and tissue manufacturing under GMP-grade culture conditions	
N-Acetylcysteine amide	Tocris	<a href="#">5619</a>	Glutathione precursor and cell permeable antioxidant	
Penicillin-Streptomycin 10/10 (100X)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">B21210</a>	Contains 10,000 units/mL penicillin and 10,000 g/mL streptomycin	
Ala-Gln	Tocris	<a href="#">5823</a>	Stable form of L-glutamine	
Organoid Harvesting Solution	R&D Systems	<a href="#">3700-100-01</a>	Ready-to-use, non-enzymatic organoid harvesting and dissociation solution	

3D GROWTH MATRIX COMPONENTS FOR LUNG ORGANOID					
PRODUCT/MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	GMP VERSION CATALOG #	SPECIES	SOURCE
Cultrex Reduced Growth Factor Basement Membrane Extract, Type 2, Pathclear	R&D Systems	<a href="#">3533-010-02</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activin A	R&D Systems	<a href="#">338-AC</a>	<a href="#">338-GMP</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	CHO
FGF basic/FGF2/bFGF (146 aa)	R&D Systems	<a href="#">233-FB</a>	<a href="#">233-GMP</a>	Human	<i>E. coli</i>
FGF-4	R&D Systems	<a href="#">235-F4</a>		Human	<i>E. coli</i>
Noggin	R&D Systems	<a href="#">6057-NG</a>	<a href="#">3344-GMP</a>	Human	NS0
CHIR 99021	Tocris	<a href="#">4423</a>	<a href="#">TB4423-GMP</a>	N/A	N/A
SB 431542	Tocris	<a href="#">1614</a>	<a href="#">TB1614-GMP</a>	N/A	N/A

ANTIBODIES FOR LUNG ORGANOID MARKERS						
MOLECULE	BRAND	CATALOG #	SPECIES	CLONE	APPLICATIONS	CONJUGATES AVAILABLE
CKAP4/p63	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-26642</a>	Human, Mouse	Poly	WB, IHC, IP	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF7355</a>	Human	Poly	WB, ICC/IF	No
FoxJ1/HFH4	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-87928</a>	Human, Mouse	Poly	IHC	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-59032</a>	Human, Mouse	CL3989	ICC/IF, IHC	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB3619</a>	Human	407003	CyTOF, Flow	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF3619</a>	Human	Poly	ICC/IF, SW, WB	No
HOP	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-97503</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	DS14F5	IHC, IP, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-92003</a>	Human	Poly	IHC	No
ID2	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-88630</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poy	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-66898</a>	Human, Mouse	A4-D4	ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-27194</a>	Human, Rat +	Poly	ICC/IF, WB	No
Lgr5/GPR49	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NLS1236</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-28904</a>	Human +	Poly	Flow, IHC, WB, ICC/IF (-)	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB8078</a>	Human	707042	CyTOF, FA, Flow, ICC/IF	Yes
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB8240</a>	Mouse	803420	CyTOF, FA, Flow, ICC/IF	Yes
Prosurfactant Protein C	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-37425</a>	Human	5E6A9	ELISA, WB	No
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP1-60117</a>	Human	Poly	IHC, WB	No
α-Smooth Muscle Actin	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-33006</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	1A4/asm-1	Flow, Flow-IC, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, SW, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NB300-978</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat +	Poly	ICC/IF, IHC, PEP-ELISA, WB	No
TIF-1/NKX2-1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-44501</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	8G7G3/1+NX2.1/690	Flow, ICC/IF, IHC	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-32999</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	SPM150	Flow, ICC/IF, IHC, IP, WB	Yes
	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-41160</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	Poly	ELISA, ICC/IF, IHC, WB	No
Uteroglobin/SCGB1A1	Novus Biologicals	<a href="#">NBP2-75705</a>	Human, Mouse, Rat	JU34-03	Flow, ICC/IF, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">MAB4218</a>	Human	394324	IHC, WB	No
	R&D Systems	<a href="#">AF4218</a>	Human	Poly	B/N, IHC	No

**Species Key:** + Additional Species Available

**Applications Key:** **B/N** Blocking/Neutralization, **CyTOF** CyTOF-Ready, **ELISA** Capture and/or Detection, **FA** Functional Assay, **Flow** Flow Cytometry, **Flow-IC** Flow Cytometry (Intracellular), **IB** Immunoblotting, **ICC/IF** Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence, **IHC** Immunohistochemistry, **IP** Immunoprecipitation, **ISH** In Situ Hybridization, **ISH-IHC** Dual ISH-IHC, **IV** In Vivo, **IVT** In Vitro, **KO** Knockout Validated, **PEP-ELISA** Peptide ELISA, **SCW** Single Cell Western, **SW** Simple Western™, **WB** Western blot



# THERAPEUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT – VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

## TcBUSTER™: FAST AND FLEXIBLE STABLE CELL LINE DEVELOPMENT FOR VACCINE PRODUCTION

Development of a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine is the most effective way to prevent future infections. The urgency for such a remedy is driving research into available approaches for vaccine development. Stable expression cell-based systems can offer a faster and more reliable strategy for vaccine production. Novel production systems using mammalian or insect cell cultures will be needed to overcome the limitations of current stable cell line systems in order to produce large amounts of vaccine as quickly as possible.

TcBuster™, the transposon gene-editing system from Bio-Techne's B-MoGen brand, can accelerate the development and production of your protein subunit or virus-like particle vaccine by giving you a stable cell population in as little as three weeks, and clonal cultures in six weeks. The generation of stable over-expressing cell lines using our system offers several advantages:

- A faster, stable cell line generation than when using virus-mediated, CRISPR and plasmid systems alone
- Stable integration of multiple transgenes in one transfection
- Higher protein-producing clones compared to stable cells created by site-specific integration
- A high integration rate that facilitates identification of a high producing clone
- Sizable protein yields produced from mammalian, chicken and insect cell lines

### STABLE CELL LINES FOR VIRUS-LIKE PARTICLE (VLP) VACCINES

- Separate transgenes on multiple transposons can create higher expression compared to polycistronic signal.
- Mammalian cells more accurately produce glycosylated VLPs and recombinant subunits. TcBuster can quickly create stable cell lines in a number of different cell types that have different glycosylation patterns.
- A vast diversity of clones can be created from a single transfection.
- High efficiency of random integration creates a higher likelihood of finding high producing clones that have favorable chromosome-position effects
- TcBuster stable cell line production could replace baculovirus, thereby decreasing the purification need and difficulty. Additionally, baculovirus may mask immune responses against the desired epitope.
- Stable cell line generation with TcBuster can also be used in tandem with baculovirus to create a system that produces VLP at a higher order of magnitude.

### STABLE CELL LINES FOR SUBUNIT VACCINES

- Glycosylation patterns play an enormous role in the immunogenicity of subunit vaccines. Stable expression of transgenes produces more accurate and consistent glycosylation than with transient expression.
- Alternate or aberrant glycosylation patterns can also increase the immunogenicity of a subunit vaccine. Cell lines can be altered to overexpress glycosylation enzymes that shift the glycosylation profile of a cell. In addition to moving in your vaccine subunit, we can introduce enzymes that alter its glycosylation pattern all in one transfection.

## INSTRUMENTATION FOR VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION

From early stage research to vaccine release, Bio-Techne offers innovative and market-leading technologies to support the development and quality control of a COVID-19 vaccine (Figure 19). The pioneering protein analysis solutions from our ProteinSimple brand have already shaped viral-based disease research progress. Our instruments have supported research aimed at developing a new inactivated poliovirus vaccine (Thomassen *et al.*, 2013), detecting norovirus particles through capillary isoelectric focusing-whole column imaging detection (CIEF-WCID) (Goodridge *et al.*, 2004), elucidating mechanisms of MERS pathogenesis (Gassen *et al.*, 2019), and developing an identity assay for a 15-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Hamm *et al.*, 2015). The COVID-19 pandemic presents a dynamic and evolving threat to public health, challenging researchers to quickly understand SARS-CoV-2's pathogenic mechanisms, identify protein targets key to its survival and infectivity, and to develop effective treatments to stop it.

	SINGLE CELL WESTERN	SIMPLE WESTERN™	MICRO-FLOW IMAGING	IcIEF AND CE-SDS	SIMPLE PLEX™
Cell Line Development	✓	✓	✓		✓
Strain Selection	✓	✓			
Analytical Development		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cell Bank Development	✓				
Upstream Process Development		✓	✓		✓
GLP Substance Production			✓		
Formulation Development		✓	✓	✓	✓
Process Characterization			✓	✓	
Validation/Documentation				✓	
GMP Batch Production				✓	
Stability Studies		✓	✓	✓	

Figure 19. Bio-Techne's analytical solutions from its ProteinSimple brand that are key for facilitating vaccine development.

### DISCERNING CELL TO CELL VARIABILITY WITH SINGLE CELL WESTERN

A first step in vaccine development is the growth and expansion of cell lines producing candidate viral antigens. Knowing the clonality of the cell line is key and Single-Cell Westerns (scWs) facilitate the detection of cell-to-cell variation. Milo™, Bio-Techne's scW platform, generates robust Western-based protein expression data while measuring target expression heterogeneity and cell type heterogeneity (Figure 20). The fast, automated scW workflow enables analysis of ~1,000 single cells per run, multiplexing up to four proteins per cell, and uses conventional Western blot antibodies.

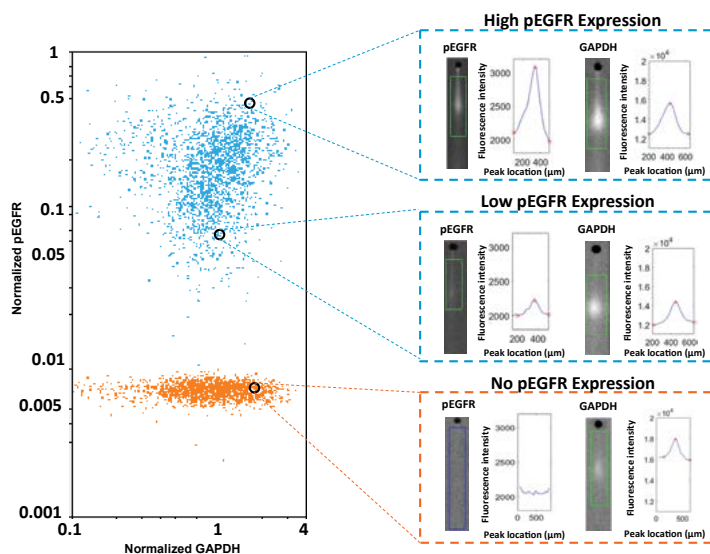


Figure 20. EGFR expression and phosphorylation were analyzed by scW. Positive pEGFR populations (blue) are easily separated from negative pEGFR populations (orange). The cluster of pEGFR positive cells can be further sub-divided into high/low pairing.

ELUCIDATING THE MECHANISM OF VIRAL INFECTIONS BY SIMPLE WESTERN™ ANALYSIS: A MERS-COV CASE STUDY

In studies to uncover the mechanism of MERS infection, Gassen *et al.* (2019) showed that MERS-CoV benefits from reducing autophagy of its host by blocking AP-lysosome fusion. They used Simple Western analysis to show that MERS-CoV infection significantly reduced ATG14 oligomerization (Figure 21), which plays an important role in autophagic activity by promoting autophagosome fusion to the lysosome. They also showed that ATG14 oligomers were enhanced following inhibition of the S-phase Kinase-associated Protein 2 (SKP2) E3 ligase (Figure 22). Quantitative analysis using Simple Western assays showed an approximate 2.5 fold increase in ATG14 oligomers (Figure 22). These results suggest that SKP2 inhibition promotes autophagy and reduces MERS-CoV infection.

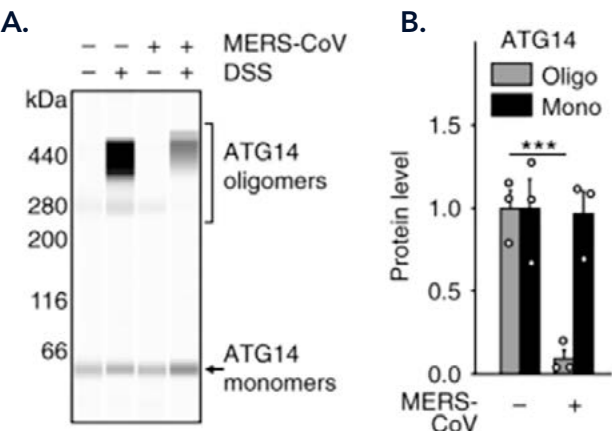


Figure 21. VeroB4 cells were infected with MERS-CoV (MOI= 0.001), cross-linked with disuccinimidyl suberate (DSS, 75  $\mu$ M) 48 h p.i. for 30 minutes and harvested. ATG14 homo-oligomerization was examined with Simple Western (A) and quantified (B). \*\*\* $p$ <0.001. Image adapted from Gassen *et al.* (2019) *Nat. Commun.* **10**:5770.

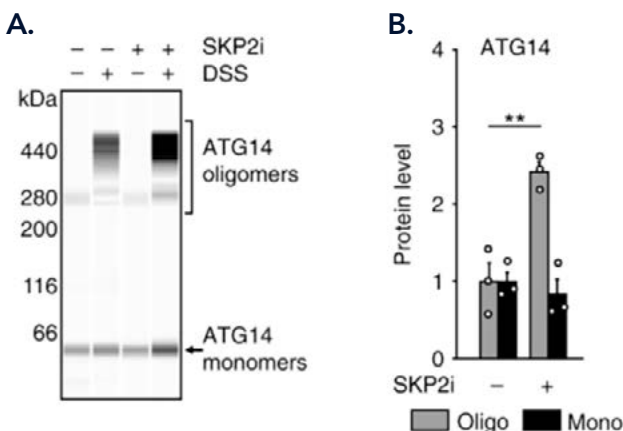


Figure 22. VeroB4 cells were infected with MERS-CoV (MOI= 0.001), treated with SKP2i for 48 h, cross-linked with disuccinimidyl suberate (DSS, 75  $\mu$ M) 48 h p.i. for 30 minutes and harvested. ATG14 homo-oligomerization was assessed with Simple Western (A) and quantified (B). \*\* $p$ <0.01. Image adapted from Gassen *et al.* (2019) *Nat. Commun.* **10**:5770.

Simple Western is the first fully automated and complete solution for protein detection and characterization, removing the manual, error-prone steps in standard Western blots. In Simple Western assays, proteins can be separated by charge or size from 2 – 440 kDa and detected in as little as 3 hours. Protein is quantified by immunoprobing or total protein labeling with the ability to process up to 96 samples at once. Bio-Techne also offers over 1,300 primary antibodies from its R&D Systems and Novus Biologicals brands that are validated for Simple Western.

DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF HOST RESPONSES TO VACCINES WITH SIMPLE WESTERN™ ANALYSIS

Tracking the impact of a vaccine on a recipient is critical for understanding and improving vaccine effectiveness. Wu *et al.* (2019) developed a vaccine against rabies (ERA-2GnRH) that contains a sterilizing agent (GnRH) to control animal populations. They used Simple Western to track the immune response following vaccine administration in mouse models. They observed the rise and fall in antibody levels against GnRH, which corresponded with the rabies viral neutralizing antibodies (rVNAs) (Figure 23). They concluded that there was a concurrent immune response between the GnRH antigen and its vector RABV.

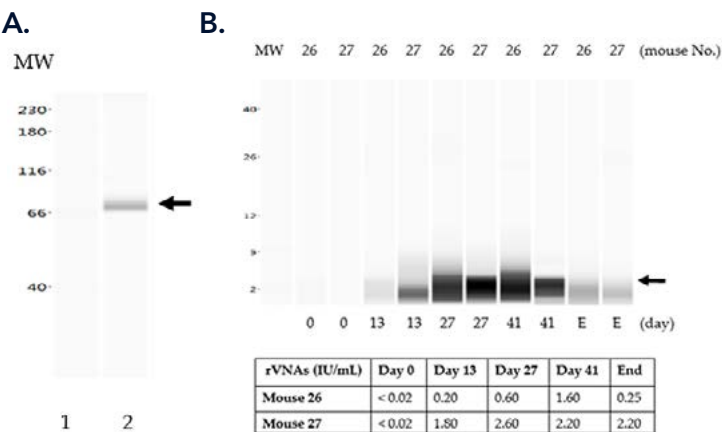


Figure 23. Simple Western was used to detect recombinant protein G-2GnRH (A, lane 1) and recombinant G-2GnRH protein from purified ERA-2GnRH virus (A, lane 2). GnRH antibodies were detected in mice at various times points after vaccination (B). Image adapted from Wu *et al.* (2019) *Vaccines* **7**:73.

## CHARACTERIZATION AND DETECTION OF VACCINE IMPURITIES WITH SIMPLE WESTERN™

Bovine serum albumin (BSA), is often an important gauge for quality control in vaccine manufacturing. The WHO sets limits on the level of residual impurities allowed in vaccines, including residual BSA. When analyzing BSA levels, it is important to separate the monomeric form from BSA aggregates or degraded products, both of which are indistinguishable from the monomer by ELISA. While SDS-PAGE provides a relatively easy way to measure BSA, Loughney *et al.* (2014) found that a key viral protein antigen for their vaccine migrated at the same molecular weight as BSA. With Simple Western, the Vaccine Analytical Development team at Merck developed a fast and sensitive assay to specifically monitor BSA levels throughout vaccine production and in the final product.

## IMAGED cIEF: A CRITICAL TOOL FOR VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING VACCINE STABILITY

Biopharmaceuticals are often large molecules with complex structures carrying various post-translational modifications (e.g., oxidation, glycosylation, glycation, and deamination) that may lead to changes in their charge distribution. Charge heterogeneity analysis is required for the batch release of biologics as it can be altered by stress, manufacturing changes, age, or other factors. Because charge variants may have different tissue distribution and pharmacokinetics, their characterization is a production quality requirement ensuring consistent biological activity. Imaged capillary isoelectric focusing (icIEF) is the industry gold-standard for charge variant analysis of biopharmaceuticals. Many researchers perform icIEF assays using Bio-Techne's ProteinSimple brand iCE3 or Maurice systems for the development and manufacture of therapeutic monoclonal antibodies, and for characterizing viruses and vaccines.

Merck leveraged the icIEF platforms, iCE3 and Maurice, to study vaccine stability and identity. They used Maurice to analyze lipid nanoparticles (LNPs), which have recently shown great promise as efficient drug delivery systems, by icIEF (Figures 24-25). In this platform, proteins are measured directly with absorbance or using native fluorescence. The observed that LNPs with different cationic lipids have unique pIs (Figure 24). They also saw that increasing the temperature shifted the pIs to lower values and produced a new peak, which was analogous to acidic variants (Figure 25). Characterization of these charge profiles by icIEF revealed critical differences that may have been missed by size-based separation approaches.

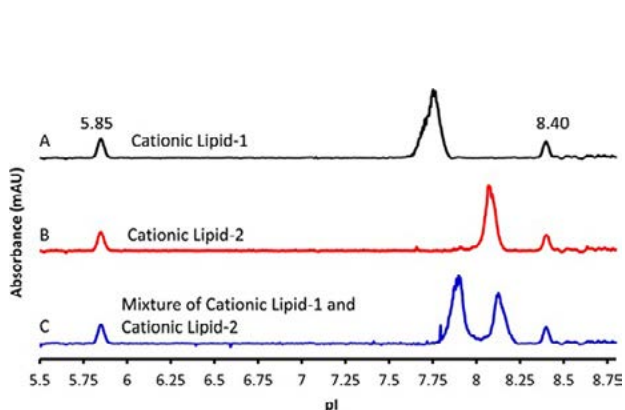


Figure 24. icIEF analysis of LNPs with Bio-Techne's ProteinSimple brand Maurice show different cationic lipids have unique pIs. Image from Loughney, J.W. *et al.* (2019) *Electrophoresis* **40**:2602.

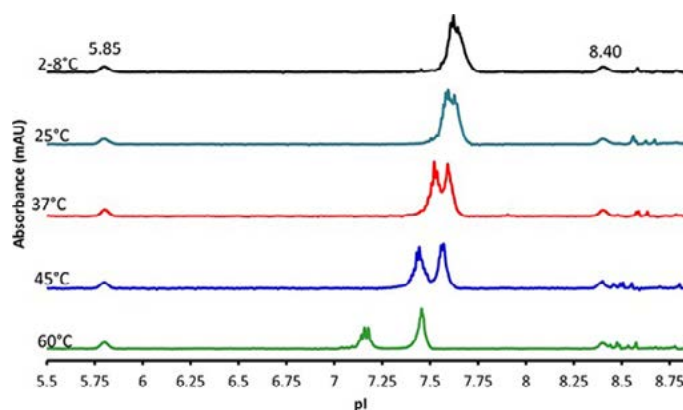


Figure 25. LNPs containing mRNA that were stored under elevated temperatures were analyzed with icIEF. The LNP stored at 2-8°C showed a symmetrical peak shape with a pI of approximately 7.7. As the temperature increased, the LNP with mRNA peaks became more acidic and split into two distinct peaks. Image from Loughney, J.W. *et al.* (2019) *Electrophoresis* **40**:2602.

CHARACTERIZING VACCINE PARTICULATES WITH MICRO-FLOW IMAGING (MFI)

Sub-visible particulate contaminants are a cause for concern in pharmaceutical products. These contaminants, either from an intrinsic or extrinsic source, may include glass, silicon oil, rubber, and product aggregates. These particulates impact safety and efficacy of products, requiring continuous monitoring throughout production and in the final products. Similar to other biopharmaceuticals, vaccine candidates are often put through forced degradation studies to support analytical method development, obtain information on degradation, and identify optimal conditions and potential stabilizers for long-term storage. Whitaker *et al.* used MFI to assess the aggregation propensities and overall stabilities of trimers of the HIV-1 candidate vaccines, GT1.1 and SOSIP.664 gp140, during agitation (Figure 26). They found these parameters to be comparable when both trimers were formulated in the same buffer.

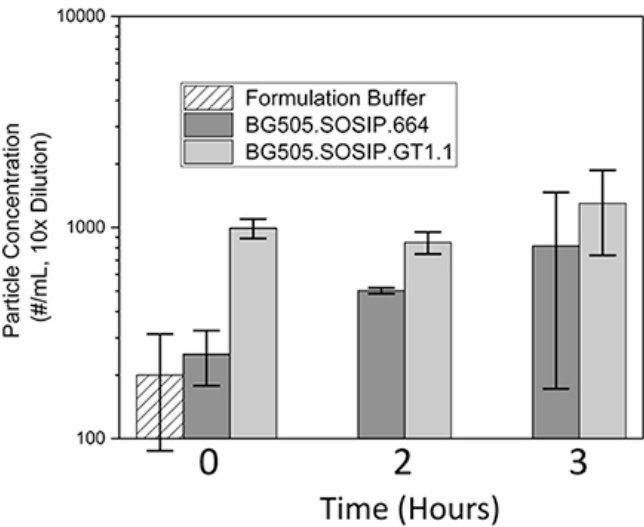


Figure 26. Subvisible (2-100 mm) particle formation (# of particle/mL) during agitation stress studies of BG505 SOSIP.664 and GT1.1 gp140 trimers as determined by MFI. Graph from Whitaker, N. et al. (2019) *J. Pharm. Sci.* **108**:2264.



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