

Luminex[®] Assay

Rat Premixed Multi-Analyte Kit

Catalog Number LXSAR

For the simultaneous detection of multiple rat biomarkers in cell culture supernates, serum, and plasma.

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For research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

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INTRODUCTION

This kit contains the components required to screen multiple rat biomarkers in cell culture supernate, serum, and plasma samples in multiplexed sandwich ELISAs.

Luminex® Assays can be used to assess the levels of biomarkers of your choosing in a single sample. For ease of use, the microparticles are premixed in one vial as are the biotinylated detection antibodies.

PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

The Luminex® Assay is designed for use with Luminex® 100, Luminex® 200 or Bio-Rad® Bio-Plex®, dual laser, flow-based sorting and detection platforms.

Analyte-specific antibodies are pre-coated onto color-coded microparticles. Microparticles, standards, and samples are pipetted into wells and the immobilized antibodies bind the biomarkers of interest. After washing away any unbound substances, a biotinylated antibody cocktail specific to the biomarkers of interest is added to each well. Following a wash to remove any unbound biotinylated antibody, streptavidin-phycoerythrin conjugate (Streptavidin-PE), which binds the biotinylated detection antibodies, is added to each well. A final wash removes unbound Streptavidin-PE, and the microparticles are resuspended in buffer and read using the Luminex® or Bio-Plex analyzer. One laser is microparticle-specific and determines which biomarker is being detected. The other laser determines the magnitude of the phycoerythrin-derived signal, which is in direct proportion to the amount of biomarker bound.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.
- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date on the kit label.
- Do not mix or substitute reagents with those from other lots or sources.
- If samples generate values higher than the highest standard, further dilute the samples with calibrator diluent and repeat the assay.
- Any variation in standard diluent, operator, pipetting technique, washing technique, incubation time or temperature, and kit age can cause variation in binding.
- Variations in sample collection, processing, and storage may cause sample value differences.
- Discrepancies may exist in values obtained for the same analyte utilizing different technologies.
- Luminex® Assays afford the user the benefit of multi-analyte analysis of biomarkers in a single sample. A multipurpose diluent is used to dilute samples, if necessary, and provide accurate estimates of natural analytes in cell culture supernates, serum, and plasma.
- **Only the analytes listed on the enclosed Certificate of Analysis can be measured with this kit.**

TECHNICAL HINTS

- When mixing or reconstituting protein solutions, always avoid foaming.
- To avoid cross-contamination, change pipette tips between additions of each standard level, between sample additions, and between reagent additions. Also, use separate reservoirs for each reagent.
- To ensure accurate results, proper adhesion of plate sealers during incubation steps is necessary.
- Protect microparticles and Streptavidin-PE from light at all times to prevent photo bleaching.
- For best results, adjust the vacuum strength on the plate washer to between 15 and 40 cm of mercury.

PRECAUTIONS

Some components in this kit contain a preservative which may cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing mist.

Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye, and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Refer to the MSDS on our website prior to use.

MATERIALS PROVIDED & STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store the unopened kit at 2-8 °C. Do not use past kit expiration date.

This kit contains sufficient materials to run multiplex assays on one 96 well plate.

PART	PART #	DESCRIPTION	STORAGE OF OPENED, DILUTED, OR RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
Rat Standard Cocktail A	893115	2 vials of recombinant rat biomarkers in a buffered protein base with preservatives; lyophilized.	Once reconstituted, any remaining standard must be discarded. Use a fresh standard for each assay.
Rat Premixed Microparticle Cocktail	894781	0.6 mL of a concentrated microparticle cocktail with preservatives.	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.* <i>Once diluted, these solutions must be discarded. Use fresh dilutions for each assay.</i>
Rat Premixed Biotin-Ab Cocktail	894783	0.6 mL of a concentrated biotin antibody cocktail with preservatives.	
Streptavidin-PE	892525	2 vials (0.07 mL/vial) of a concentrated streptavidin-phycoerythrin conjugate with preservatives.	
Assay Diluent RD1W	895117	11 mL of a buffered protein base with preservatives.	May be stored for up to 1 month at 2-8 °C.*
Calibrator Diluent RD6-52	895438	2 vials (21 mL/vial) of a buffered protein base with preservatives.	
Wash Buffer Concentrate	895003	21 mL of a 25-fold concentrated solution of buffered surfactant with preservative. <i>May turn yellow over time.</i>	
Microplate	640763	1 filter-bottomed 96-well microplate used as a vessel for the assay.	
Certificate of Analysis	752180	1 sheet listing the selected analytes with the microparticle regions, standard reconstitution volumes, and concentrations for the provided Standard(s).	
Mixing Bottles	895505	2 empty 8 mL bottles used for mixing microparticles with Assay Diluent RD1W.	
Plate Sealers	640445	3 adhesive foil strips.	

*Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.

OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Luminex® 100, Luminex® 200, or Bio-Rad Bio-Plex analyzer with X-Y platform.
- Microplate vacuum manifold (Millipore Multiscreen™ Vacuum Manifold Catalog # MAVM096 or equivalent).
- Pipettes and pipette tips.
- Deionized or distilled water.
- Multi-channel pipette, manifold dispenser, or automated dispensing unit.
- 50 mL and 500 mL graduated cylinders.
- **Polypropylene** test tubes for dilution of standards and samples.
- Horizontal orbital microplate shaker (0.12" orbit) capable of maintaining a speed of 500 ± 50 rpm.
- Microcentrifuge.

SAMPLE COLLECTION & STORAGE

The sample collection and storage conditions listed below are intended as general guidelines. Sample stability has not been evaluated.

Cell Culture Supernates - Remove particulates by centrifugation and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Serum - Allow blood samples to clot for 2 hours at room temperature before centrifuging for 20 minutes at 2000 x g. Remove serum and assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Plasma - Collect plasma using EDTA or heparin as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge for 20 minutes at 2000 x g within 30 minutes of collection. Assay immediately or aliquot and store samples at ≤ -20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Note: *Citrate plasma has not been validated for use in this assay.*

SAMPLE PREPARATION

To determine the appropriate dilution for each analyte, refer to the table located in the following link <http://www.rndsystems.com/Products/LXSAR>.

Serum and plasma samples require at least a 2-fold dilution. A suggested 2-fold dilution is 75 μ L of sample + 75 μ L of Calibrator Diluent RD6-52. Mix thoroughly.

High abundance biomarkers may require additional dilution such as 50- or 200-fold.

A suggested 50-fold dilution is 10 μ L of sample + 490 μ L of Calibrator Diluent RD6-52. Mix thoroughly.

A suggested 200-fold dilution can be achieved by adding 10 μ L of sample to 90 μ L of Calibrator Diluent RD6-52. Complete the 200-fold dilution by adding 10 μ L of the diluted sample to 190 μ L Calibrator Diluent RD6-52.

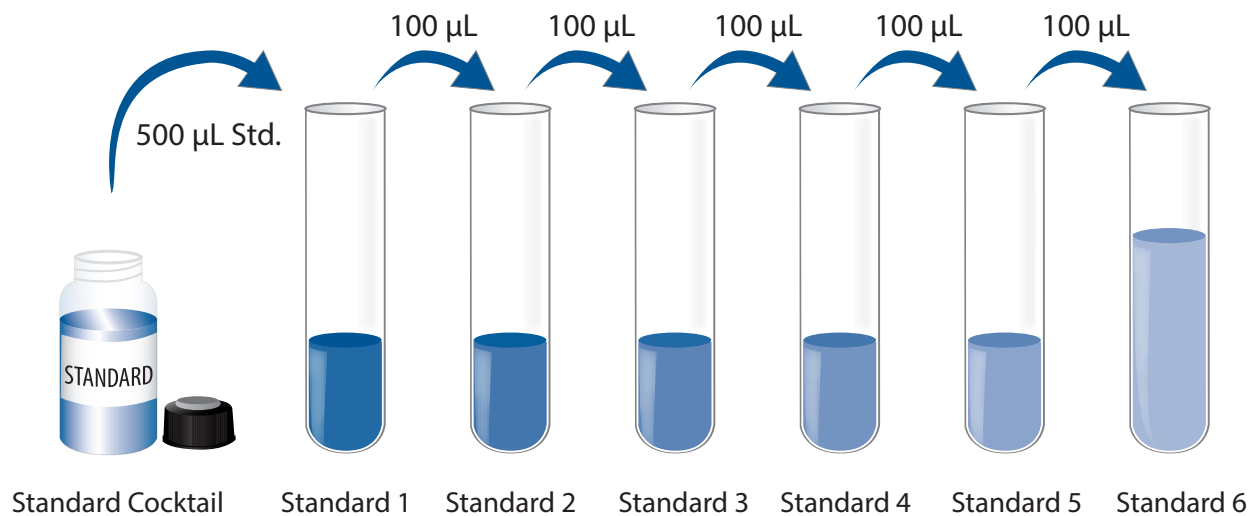
REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents to room temperature before use.

Wash Buffer - If crystals have formed in the concentrate, warm to room temperature and mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Add 20 mL of Wash Buffer Concentrate to deionized or distilled water to prepare 500 mL of Wash Buffer.

Standard - Reconstitute the Standard Cocktail with Calibrator Diluent RD6-52. Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for the reconstitution volume. Allow the standard to sit for a minimum of 15 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions.

Use polypropylene tubes. Pipette 500 μ L of the reconstituted Standard Cocktail into a tube labeled Standard 1. Pipette 200 μ L of Calibrator Diluent RD6-52 into the remaining tubes. Use Standard 1 to produce a 3-fold dilution series (below). Mix each tube thoroughly before the next transfer. Standard 1 serves as the high standard. Calibrator Diluent RD6-52 serves as the blank. Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for values of Standard 1.



DILUTED MICROPARTICLE COCKTAIL PREPARATION

1. Centrifuge the Microparticle Cocktail vial for 30 seconds at 1000 x g prior to removing the cap.
2. Gently vortex the vial to resuspend the microparticles, taking precautions not to invert the vial.
3. Dilute the Microparticle Cocktail using Assay Diluent RD1W in the mixing bottle provided.

Number of Wells Used	Microparticle Cocktail	+	Assay Diluent RD1W
96	500 μ L	+	5.00 mL
48	250 μ L	+	2.50 mL
24	125 μ L	+	1.25 mL

Note: Protect microparticles from light during handling. Prepare microparticles within 30 minutes of use. Diluted microparticles cannot be stored.

DILUTED BIOTIN ANTIBODY COCKTAIL PREPARATION

1. Centrifuge the Biotin Antibody Cocktail vial for 30 seconds at 1000 x g prior to removing the cap.
2. Gently vortex the vial, taking precautions not to invert the vial.
3. Dilute the Biotin Antibody Cocktail in Assay Diluent RD1W. Mix gently.

Number of Wells Used	Biotin Antibody Cocktail	+	Assay Diluent RD1W
96	500 μ L	+	5.00 mL
48	250 μ L	+	2.50 mL
24	125 μ L	+	1.25 mL

STREPTAVIDIN-PE PREPARATION

Use a polypropylene amber bottle or a polypropylene test tube wrapped with aluminum foil. Protect the Streptavidin-PE from light during handling and storage.

1. Centrifuge the Streptavidin-PE vial for 30 seconds at 1000 x g prior to removing the cap.
2. Gently vortex the vial, taking precautions not to invert the vial.
3. Dilute the Streptavidin-PE to a 1X concentration by adding 110 μ L of Streptavidin-PE to 5.5 mL of Wash Buffer. This provides enough Streptavidin-PE to assay one 96-well microplate. If assaying more or less than 96 wells, adjust these volumes accordingly.

INSTRUMENT SETTINGS

Adjust the probe height setting on the Luminex® analyzer to avoid puncturing the membrane. Refer to the instrument manual.

1. Assign the bead region for each analyte being measured (refer to the Certificate of Analysis)
2. 50 events/bead
3. Minimum events: 0
4. Flow rate: 60 µL/minute (fast)
5. Sample size: 50 µL
6. Doublet Discriminator gates at approximately 7500 and 15,500
7. Collect Median Fluorescence Intensity (MFI)

Note: For the Bio-Rad Bio-Plex analyzer, set the gates at 4300 and 10,000. The CAL2 setting for the Bio-Rad Bio-Plex analyzer should be set at the low RP1 target value.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

Bring all reagents and samples to room temperature before use. It is recommended that all samples and standards be assayed in duplicate.

Note: *Protect microparticles and Streptavidin-PE from light at all times.*

1. Prepare all reagents, standards, and samples as directed in the previous sections.
2. Pre-wet the filter-bottomed microplate by filling each well with 100 μ L of Wash Buffer. Remove the liquid through the filter at the bottom of the plate using a vacuum manifold designed to accommodate a microplate.
Note: *After each final wash cycle and subsequent reagent addition, blot the bottom of the microplate with a paper towel to prevent wicking.*
3. Resuspend the diluted Microparticle Cocktail by inversion or vortexing. Add 50 μ L of the mixture to each well of the pre-wet filter-bottomed microplate.
4. Add 50 μ L of standard or sample* per well. Securely cover with a foil plate sealer. Incubate for 2 hours at room temperature on a horizontal orbital microplate shaker (0.12" orbit) set at 500 ± 50 rpm. A plate layout is provided to record standards and samples assayed.
5. Using a vacuum manifold device designed to accommodate a microplate, wash by removing the liquid, filling each well with Wash Buffer (100 μ L), and removing the liquid again. All of the liquid must be removed through the filter at the bottom of the microplate to avoid any loss of microparticles. Complete removal of liquid is essential for good performance. Perform the wash procedure three times.
6. Add 50 μ L of diluted Biotin Antibody Cocktail to all wells. Securely cover with a new foil plate sealer, and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature on the shaker set at 500 ± 50 rpm.
7. Repeat the wash as in step 5.
8. Add 50 μ L of diluted Streptavidin-PE to all wells. Securely cover with a new foil plate sealer, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature on the shaker set at 500 ± 50 rpm.
9. Repeat the wash as in step 5.
10. Resuspend the microparticles by adding 100 μ L of Wash Buffer to each well. Incubate for 2 minutes at room temperature on the shaker set at 500 ± 50 rpm.
11. Read within 90 minutes using the Luminex® or Bio-Rad analyzer.

*Samples may require dilution. See Sample Preparation section.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

Use the Standard concentrations on the Certificate of Analysis and calculate 3-fold dilutions for the remaining levels. Average the duplicate readings for each standard and sample and subtract the average blank Median Fluorescence Intensity (MFI).

Create a standard curve for each analyte by reducing the data using computer software capable of generating a five parameter logistic (5-PL) curve-fit.

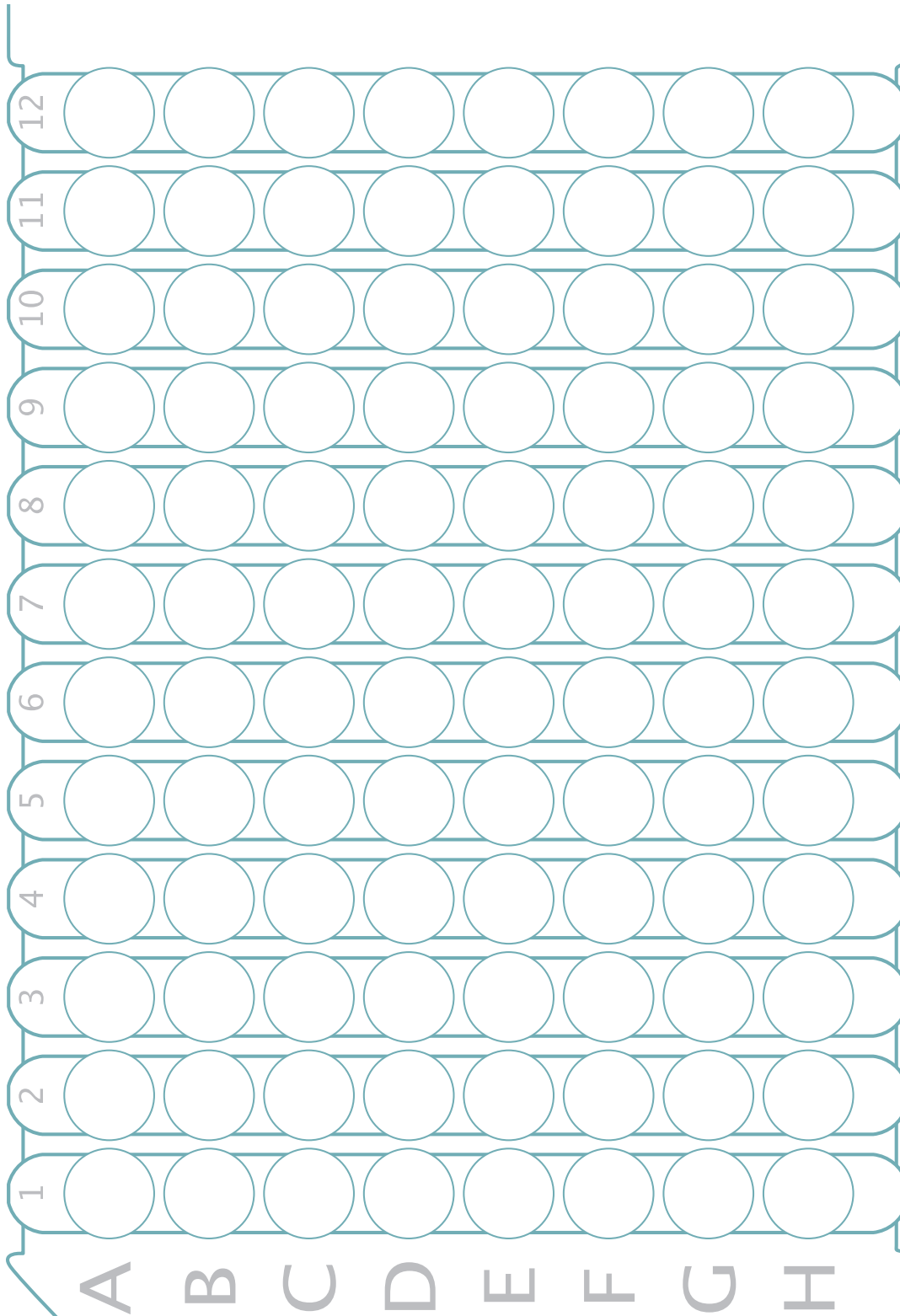
If samples have been diluted, the concentration read from the standard curve must be multiplied by the dilution factor.

CALIBRATION

This assay is calibrated against highly purified recombinant rat biomarkers produced at R&D Systems®.

PLATE LAYOUT

Use this plate layout to record standards and samples assayed.



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