Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Marker Antibody Panel

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PRINCIPLE OF THE ASSAY

Embryonic stem (ES) cells, derived from the inner cell mass of pre-implantation embryos, have been recognized as the most pluripotent stem cell population (1, 2). More recently, it has been discovered that somatic cells are able to be reprogrammed to an ES cell-like state. These induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells are able to be cultured under similar conditions as ES cells and also have the ability to give rise to all three germ layers: ectoderm, mesoderm, and endoderm (3-5). Gene expression of undifferentiated human pluripotent stem cells has been investigated in several cell lines through a variety of techniques including comparison with databases, reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction, focused cDNA microarrays, and immunocytochemistry. A list of molecules has been established, which is comprised of known pluripotent-specific or highly expressed genes and candidates that can serve as markers for human pluripotent cells and may also contribute to the "stemness" phenotype (6-13).

The Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Marker Antibody Panel is designed for users who are interested in characterizing the status of undifferentiated human pluripotent stem cells. The panel contains antibodies specific for the following human protein markers: Alkaline Phosphatase, Nanog, Oct 3/4, SSEA-1, and SSEA-4.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- FOR LABORATORY RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR DIAGNOSTIC USE.
- The safety and efficacy of this product in diagnostic or other clinical uses has not been established.
- The quality of the pluripotent stem cells and any variation in the procedure can cause variation in the efficiency of cell differentiation.

MATERIALS PROVIDED & STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store unopened kit at 2-8 °C for up to 6 months from date of receipt.

PART	PART #	DESCRIPTION	STORAGE OF RECONSTITUTED MATERIAL
anti-h/m/rAlkaline Phosphatase Purified Mouse Monoclonal IgG_1 Clone B4-78	962647	25 µg of a monoclonal antibody specific for human/mouse/rat Alkaline Phosphatase; lyophilized.	Store at 2-8 °C for up to 1 month or aliquot and store at ≤ -20 °C in a manual defrost freezer for up to 6 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Anti-hNanog Affinity Purified Goat IgG	963488	25 µg of a polyclonal antibody specific for human Nanog; lyophilized.	
anti-hOct 3/4 Affinity Purified Goat IgG	962649	25 µg of a polyclonal antibody specific for human Oct 3/4; lyophilized.	
anti-h/mSSEA-1 Purified Mouse Monoclonal IgM Clone MC-480	963489	25 µg of a monoclonal antibody specific for human/mouse SSEA-1; lyophilized.	
anti-h/mSSEA-4 Purified Mouse Monoclonal IgG_3 Clone MC-813-70	962648	25 µg of a monoclonal antibody specific for human/mouse SSEA-4; lyophilized.	

PRECAUTION

The acute and chronic effects of over-exposure to the reagents in this kit are unknown. Safe laboratory handling procedures should be followed and protective clothing should be worn when handling kit reagents.

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OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Materials

- 24-well culture plates
- 12 mm coverslips
- 15 mL centrifuge tubes
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Serological pipettes
- Fine pointed curved forceps
- Glass slides
- Liquid barrier pen
- 5 mL FACS™ tubes

Reagents

- Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer (R&D Systems, Catalog # FC001)
- Sterile Phosphate-Buffered Saline (PBS)
- 4% Paraformaldehyde in PBS
- 1% BSA in PBS
- 0.3% Triton® X-100, 1% BSA, 10% normal donkey serum in PBS
- Mounting medium (R&D Systems, Catalog # CTS011)
- Flow cytometry secondary antibodies (R&D Systems, Catalog # F0101B, F0102B, F0103B, F0114, F0116, F0117, F0118, and F0119)
- Immunocytochemistry secondary antibodies (R&D Systems, Catalog # NL001, NL002, NL003, NL007, NL008, and NL009)
- Flow cytometry isotype controls (R&D Systems, Catalog # MAB0041 and MAB007)
- Deionized or distilled water

Equipment

- Fluorescence microscope
- Benchtop centrifuge
- Hemocytometer
- Flow Cytometer

REAGENT & MATERIAL PREPARATION

Reconstitute each vial with 250 µL of sterile PBS. This provides reagents sufficient for processing 25 flow cytometry samples or 8 immunocytochemistry samples.

Note: *Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.*

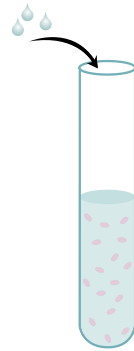
FLOW CYTOMETRY SURFACE STAINING PROTOCOL

Surface Marker Analysis of Alkaline Phosphatase, SSEA-1, and SSEA-4

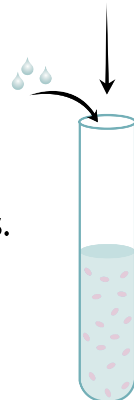
1. Resuspend the cells in Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer at a concentration of 1 x 10^6 cells/mL.
2. For each marker, transfer 90 µL of the cell suspension into a separate 5 mL FACS tube. Add 10 µL of either anti-alkaline phosphatase, anti-SSEA-1, or anti-SSEA-4.
   Note: *As a control for analysis, cells in a separate tube should be treated with a flow cytometry isotype control.*
3. Vortex and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
4. Centrifuge the samples at 300 x g for 5 minutes.
5. Wash the samples twice in 2 mL of Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer.
6. Resuspend the cells in 100 µL of Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer, and add 10 µL of a secondary developing reagent such as goat anti-mouse IgG conjugated to a fluorochrome according to the manufacturer's instructions.
7. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature **in the dark.**
8. Centrifuge the samples at 300 x g for 5 minutes.
9. Wash the samples twice in 2 mL of Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer.
10. Resuspend the cells in 200-400 µL of Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer for flow cytometric analysis.

FLOW CYTOMETRY SURFACE STAINING OUTLINE

Perform a cell count on harvested cells.
Resuspend the cells in Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer at a concentration of 1 x 10^6 cells/mL.



Aliquot 90 µL of cells into 5 mL flow cytometry tubes.

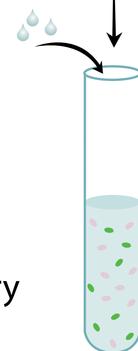


Add 10 µL of antibody or isotype control (10 µL for up to 10^6 cells or a previously titrated amount).
Vortex and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

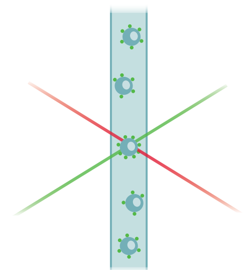
Centrifuge the samples at 300 x g for 5 minutes.
Wash the samples two times with Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer.
Resuspend each sample in 100 µL Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer.

Add 10 µL of a fluorochrome-conjugated secondary developing reagent (or a previously titrated amount).
Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature in the dark.

Centrifuge the samples at 300 x g for 5 minutes.
Wash the samples with Flow Cytometry Buffer.
Resuspend the cells in 200-400 µL of Flow Cytometry Staining Buffer.



Analyze the cells by flow cytometry.



IMMUNOCYTOCHEMISTRY FIXING & STAINING PROTOCOL

1. Wash the cells twice with PBS (1 mL/well of a 24-well plate).
2. Fix the cells with 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS for 20 minutes at room temperature.
3. Wash the cells 3 times with 1% BSA in PBS for 5 minutes (0.5 mL/well of a 24-well plate).
4. Permeabilize and block the cells with 0.3% Triton X-100, 1% BSA, and 10% normal donkey serum in PBS at room temperature for 45 minutes (0.5 mL/well of a 24-well plate).
5. During the blocking, dilute the reconstituted antibody in PBS containing 0.3% Triton X-100, 1% BSA, and 10% normal donkey serum to a final concentration of 10 µg/mL.

   Note: *A negative control should be performed using PBS containing 0.3% Triton X-100, 1% BSA, and 10% normal donkey serum in the absence of a primary antibody.*
6. After blocking, incubate the cells with diluted antibody (300 µL/well of a 24-well plate) for 3 hours at room temperature or overnight at 2-8 °C.
7. Wash the cells 3 times with 1% BSA in PBS for 5 minutes (0.5 mL/well of a 24-well plate).
8. Dilute the appropriate secondary antibody at 1:200 in PBS containing 1% BSA.
9. Incubate the cells with diluted secondary antibody in the dark for 60 minutes at room temperature (300 µL/well of a 24-well plate).
10. Wash the cells 3 times with 1% BSA in PBS for 5 minutes (0.5 mL/well of a 24-well plate).
11. Cover the cells with PBS (1 mL/well of a 24-well plate) and visualize with a fluorescence microscope. Alternatively, aspirate the PBS and add distilled or deionized water (0.5 mL/well of a 24-well plate). Carefully remove each coverslip with forceps and mount cell-side down onto a drop of mounting medium on a glass slide.
12. Slides are ready for microscopic observation.

FIGURES & IMAGES OF PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL STAINING

Courtesy of Dr. Jong-Hoon Kim and Dr. Ron McKay from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke & Stem Cell Unit at NIH.

Immunocytochemistry

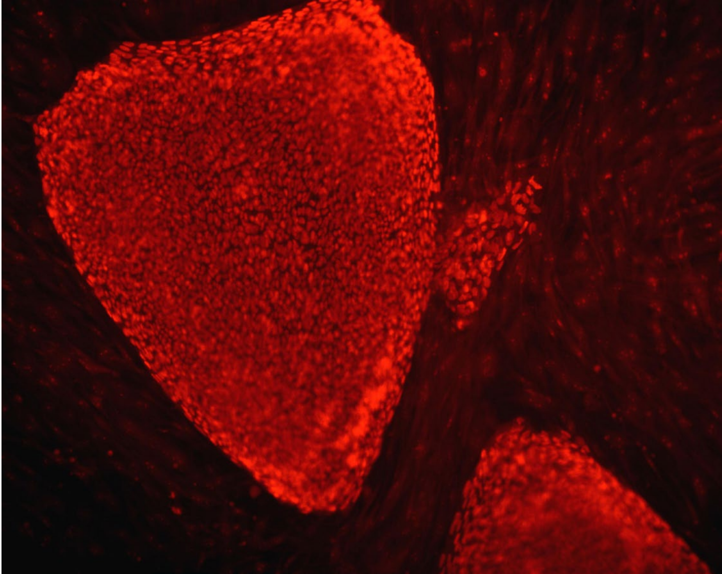


Figure 1A: Detection of Oct-3/4 in Human Embryonic Stem Cells. Human embryonic stem cells were labeled with the Anti-Human Oct-3/4 Affinity Purified Polyclonal Antibody provided in the Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Marker Antibody Panel Plus. The cells were stained using a Rhodamine Red-conjugated Donkey Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody.

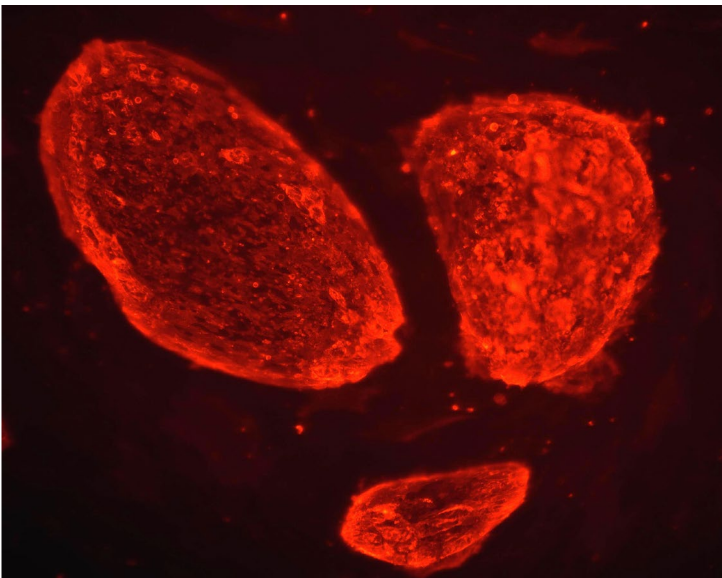


Figure 1B: Detection of SSEA-4 in Human Embryonic Stem Cells. Human embryonic stem cells were labeled with the Anti-Human/Mouse SSEA-4 Monoclonal Antibody provided in the Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Marker Antibody Panel Plus. The cells were stained using a Rhodamine Red-conjugated Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG Secondary Antibody.

DATA EXAMPLES

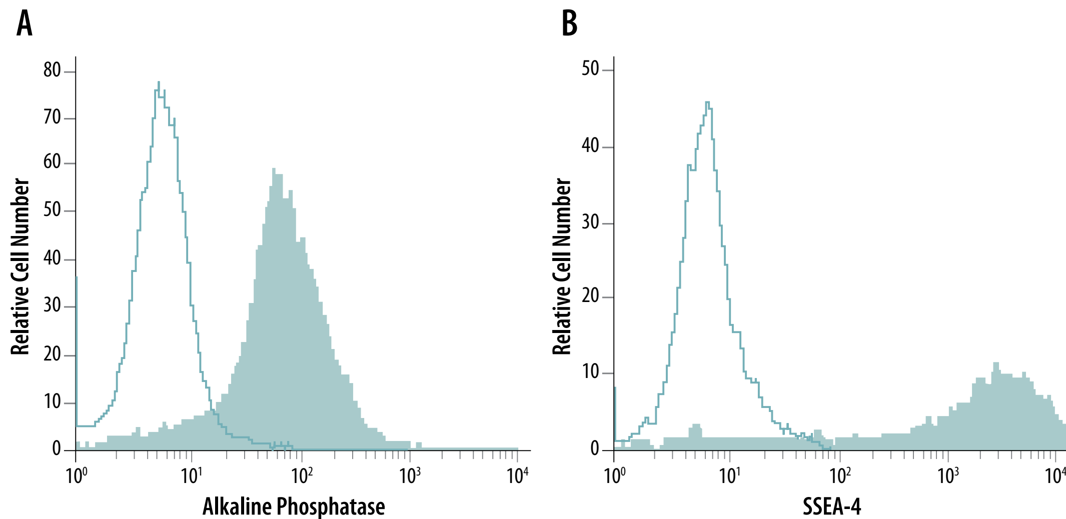


Figure 2: Detection of Alkaline Phosphatase and SSEA-4 in Human Embryonic Stem Cells. BG01V human embryonic stem cells were stained with pluripotency marker antibodies provided in this kit. **A.** The cells were labeled with a Mouse Anti-Human Alkaline Phosphatase Monoclonal Antibody (filled histogram) or a Mouse IgG1 Isotype Control Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # MAB002; open histogram). **B.** The cells were also labeled with a Mouse Anti-Human SSEA-4 Monoclonal Antibody (filled histogram) or a Mouse IgG3 Isotype Control Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # MAB007; open histogram). The cells were stained using a PE-conjugated Goat Anti-Mouse Secondary Antibody (R&D Systems, Catalog # F0102B).

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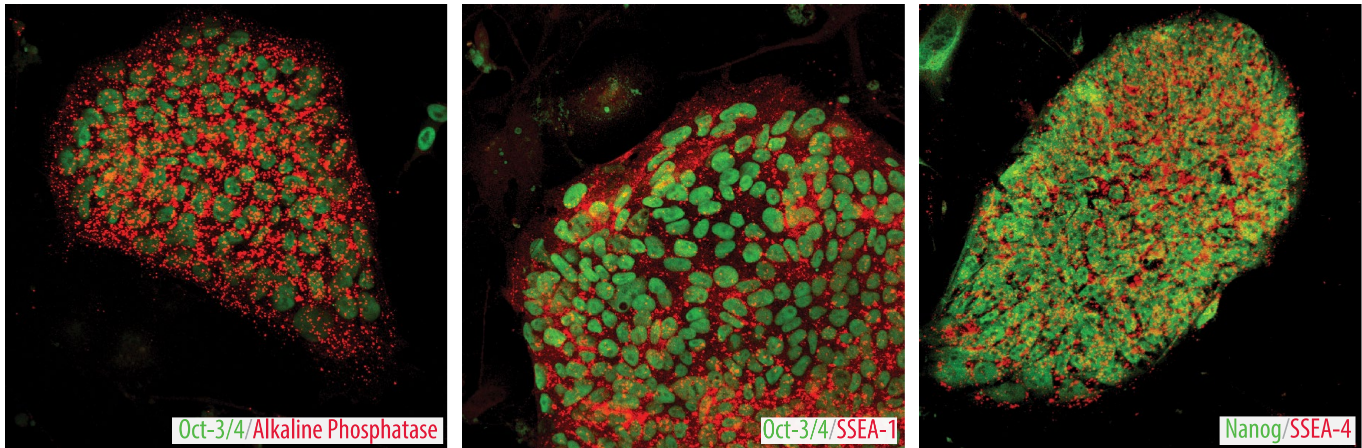

Figure 3: Expression of Pluripotency Markers in Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells. iPS2 human induced pluripotent stem cells were cultured on Irradiated Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts (R&D Systems, Catalog # PSC001) and labeled with antibodies provided in this kit. Pluripotency marker expression was analyzed by dual immunofluorescence with the indicated primary antibodies supplied in the panel. The cells were stained using NorthernLights™ (NL)493- and NL557-conjugated Secondary Antibodies (green and red, respectively).

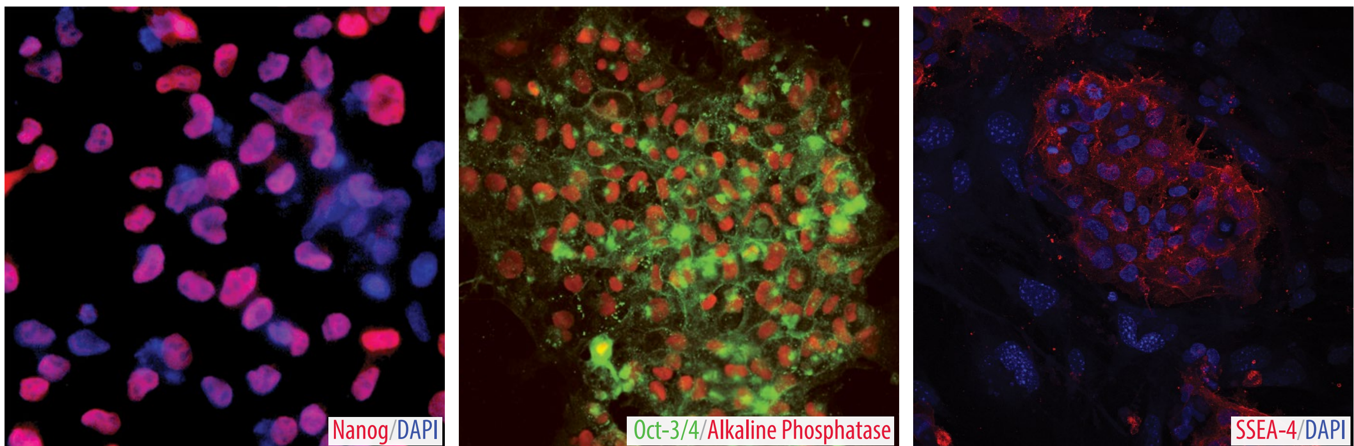

Figure 4: Expression of Pluripotency Markers in Human Embryonic Stem Cells. Pluripotency marker expression was detected in immersion-fixed BG01V human embryonic stem cells using antibodies supplied in this kit. Pluripotency marker expression was analyzed by dual immunofluorescence with the indicated primary antibodies supplied in the panel. The cells were stained using NorthernLights (NL)493- and NL557-conjugated Secondary Antibodies (green and red, respectively). Where indicated, the nuclei were counterstained with DAPI (blue).

RELATED REAGENTS

Product Description	R&D Systems Catalog Number
Anti-Alkaline Phosphatase Antibody	BAM1448, FAB1448A, MAB1448
Anti-Nanog Antibody	AF1997, BAF1997, NL1997G, NL1997R
Anti-Oct-3/4 Antibody	AF1759, BAF1759, MAB1759, NL1759G
Anti-SSEA-1 Antibody	FAB2155A, FAB2155C, FAB2155G, FAB2155N, FAB2155P, MAB2155, NL2155G, NL2155R, NLLC2155G, NLLC2155R
Anti-SSEA-4 Antibody	BAM1435, FAB1435A, FAB1435C, FAB1435F, FAB1435P, MAB1435, NL1435G, NL1435R, NL1435V, NLLC1435G, NLLC1435R

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