ADIAflo™ Platelet GpIb/IX/V
Kit for platelet membrane glycoprotein quantitation using flow cytometry.
Product No. ADG672
Storage: 2-8°C For Research Use Only!

INTENDED USE
For single color flow cytometric analysis of platelet glycoproteins GpIb, GpIb, GpIb, and GpV. The number of glycoprotein antigenic sites is determined by converting the fluorescence intensity into the corresponding number of sites per platelet based on a calibrated bead standard curve.

REAGENTS
Reagent 1: 1 vial, 15 mL, diluent, 10X concentrated.
Reagent 2a: 1 vial, 100 µL, negative isotypic control (mouse monoclonal antibody IgG).
Reagent 2b: 1 vial, 100 µL, anti GpIb MAb (CD42b).
Reagent 2c: 1 vial, 100 µL, anti GpIX MAb (CD42a).
Reagent 2d: 1 vial, 100 µL, anti GpV MAb (CD42d).
Reagent 3: 1 vial, 200 µL, calibrated bead suspension. The beads are coated with known quantities of mouse IgG. The number of determinants coated on each bead population is indicated on the box label of the kit. These values may vary from lot to lot.
Reagent 4: 1 vial, 500 µL, staining reagent, polyclonal anti-mouse IgG-FITC.

WARNING: All reagents contain sodium azide as a preservative and should be discarded with care to prevent the formation of explosive metallic azides.

When dumping waste materials into a sink, use copious quantities of water to flush plumbing thoroughly.

REAGENT PREPARATION AND STORAGE
Unopened vials remain stable until the expiration date printed on the box label, when stored at 2-8°C (DO NOT FREEZE).

Reagent 1
- Stability after opening: 2 months at 2-8°C when free of contamination.
- The presence of crystals does not affect the quality of the reagent.
- Incubate at 37°C until the crystals are completely dissolved.
- Prepare working strength reagent by making a 1:10 dilution with deionized water. Prepare sufficient volume for the test series.
- Stability after dilution: 15 days at 2-8°C.
Reagents 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 4
- Ready for use.
- Stability after opening: 2 months at 2-8°C when free of contamination.
Reagent 3
- Ready for use after resuspension by vortexing for 5 seconds.
- Stability after opening: 2 months at 2-8°C when free of contamination.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION, PREPARATION AND STORAGE
Collection
- Use polypropylene or siliconized glass blood collection tubes.
- To maintain platelet integrity, avoid activation by exercising utmost care during the collection procedure.
- The blood is to be collected in anticoagulant: 0.109 M or 0.129 M trisodium citrate (using a 9:1 volume ratio).
Preparation
- The test is performed on citrated whole blood or on platelet rich plasma (PRP) tested 1:2 with Reagent 1.

Storage
- The blood sample must be tested within 3 hours after collection in order to avoid platelet activation.
- The sample should remain at room temperature before testing (18-25°C).
- Do not freeze the sample.

PROCEDURE
Exercise care in the pipetting of small reagent volumes by depositing them at the bottom of the test tubes. All reagents should be at room temperature before use.

1. Reagent tube setup
   a) Label 6 plastic tubes T1 to T6. Set the tubes in a rack.
   b) Perform the following pipetting steps:
      i. Into tube T1: pipette 50 µL of the sample and add 150 µL of Reagent 1. Homogenize using a vortex.
      ii. Into tube T2: pipette 20 µL of Reagent 2a (Negative control).
      iii. Into tube T3: pipette 20 µL of Reagent 2b (GpIb MAb).
      iv. Into tube T4: pipette 20 µL of Reagent 2c (GpIX MAb).
      v. Into tube T5: pipette 20 µL of Reagent 2d (GpV MAb).
      vi. Into tube T6: pipette 40 µL of Reagent 3 (vortex well before pipetting).

2. Immuno-labelling of Samples and Control
   a) To each of tubes T2, T3, T4 and T5:
      i. Add 20 µL of diluted sample from Tube T1.
      ii. Homogenize the tubes using a vortex.
   b) Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes.

3. Fluorescent Staining
   a) To each of tubes T2 to T6:
      i. Add 20 µL of Reagent 4.
      ii. Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes.
   b) Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes.
   c) Prepared samples may be stored for 2 hours at 2-8°C before analysis.

INTERPRETATION AND REPORTING OF RESULTS
Cytometric analysis:
- Refer to the Operator’s Manual of the cytometer for instructions on how to perform cytometric readings.
- The selected Mean Fluorescent Intensity (MFI) statistic is the geometric mean, called Mn(x) or GeoMean depending upon the cytometer used.
- Vortex each tube before analysis.

Calibration analysis: Tube T6 (Fig 1)
Create an FS LOG vs. SS LOG cytogram. Add a discriminator to minimize the artifact background. Set up a gate (“A”) around the main single bead population (Fig 1a). Create an FL1 LOG histogram gated by the “A” region.

Note that the MFI for each of the 4 fluorescence peaks (Fig 1b: curves B, C, D and E) corresponds to the 4 calibration beads. For optimum analysis conditions, the peak of the fourth bead fluorescence intensity (FL1) must be set at the beginning of the fourth decade. To achieve this adjust the FL1 PMT voltage.

Fig 1a: Calibration cytogram
Fig 1b: Cursor settings in gated fluorescence histogram

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Sample analysis: Tubes T2 to T5 (Fig 2)

Using the same acquisition procedure, on the FS LOG vs. SS LOG cytogram (Fig 2a) platelets are isolated from other whole blood cells by an analysis region “PLT.” In the corresponding gated FL1 LOG fluorescence histogram (Fig 2b), note the mean fluorescence intensity of the positive peak for each assay, corresponding to 90% positive cells.

Fig 2a: Whole blood cytogram and platelet region gating

Fig 2b: CD 42b immuno-labelling, Cursor settings in PLT gated histogram

RESULTS

If the MFI are expressed as linear values, use a log-log plot. If the MFI values are obtained as channel numbers, use a semi-log plot. Plot the MFI calibration values (tube T6) on the abscissa (x-axis) and their corresponding number of monoclonal antibody molecules (as indicated on the box label) on the ordinate (y-axis). Draw the calibration curve.

Example Calibration Curve

Interpolate the MFI values of the tubes T2 to T5 on the calibration curve and read the corresponding numbers of monoclonal antibodies directly off the curve. Specific GpIbα, GpIX and GpV values are calculated after subtraction of the negative control measurement.

EXPECTED VALUES

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<th>GLYCOPROTEIN</th>
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Values are expressed as numbers of platelet bound molecules x 10^3

LIMITATIONS

The presence of heparin in the sample may induce an under expression of glycoproteins GpIbα, GpIX, GpV.

REFERENCES


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