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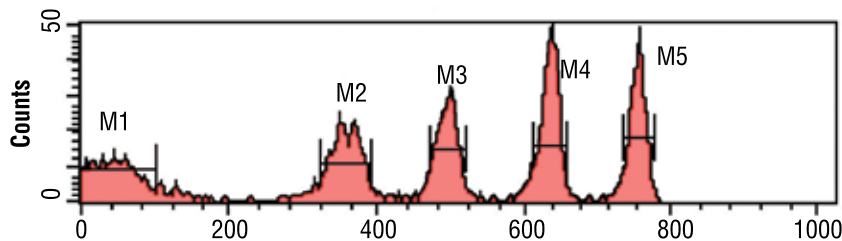
Description

QuickCal v. 2.3 is an Excel® spreadsheet-based analysis template that is intended for use with Quantum™ MESF and Quantum™ Simply Cellular® kits. Specifically, QuickCal simplifies quantitative fluorescence analysis through pre-programmed regression calculations. The resulting calibration curve associates fluorescence channel values to standardized fluorescence intensity units (MESF or ABC), and permits the assignment of MESF or ABC values to labeled cell samples. QuickCal also serves a QC function, reporting both the lower detection threshold and regression coefficient (linearity) for the pertinent detector at test-specific settings.

Note: ABC - Antibody Binding Capacity; Quantum Simply Cellular products
MESF - Molecules of Equivalent Soluble Fluorochrome; Quantum MESF products

Procedure

1. Go to the Bangs Laboratories' website to download the QuickCal template at www.bangslabs.com/products/quickcal.
2. Enter relevant information, including your QuickCal Access Number, at the prompt.
3. Select the file you would like to download. *Note:* Files are lot-specific.
4. Select the appropriate version based on the resolution of your instrument. Options include:
 - 256 channels for linear data
 - 1024 channels for linear data
 - 4096 channels for linear data
 - FACSDiva Scale for linear data
 - BD Relative Linear Scale for log data
 - Coulter Relative Linear Scale for log data
5. If using Quantum FITC-5 MESF, select the intensity range you need. Options include:
 - Low four intensity template
 - High four intensity template
 - All five intensity template
6. The selected QuickCal template will download to your computer.
7. Run Quantum MESF or Quantum Simply Cellular microspheres on the same day and at the same instrument (PMT and compensation settings) as the labeled cell samples. Document relevant details (PMT voltage, mAb clone, etc.) in the "Instrument" and "Comments" sections of the template
8. Gate on each population within the fluorescence histogram.



Channel Value from Cytometer

Marker	% Gated	CV	Median
M1	21.73	117.64	11.00
M2	16.07	4.38	360.00
M3	15.67	2.21	493.00
M4	21.83	1.44	634.00
M5	16.98	1.10	752.00

9. Enter the Median or Geo Mean channel value for each fluorescence peak against its calibrated MESF or ABC value that appears within the QuickCal (Excel) template in the "channel" field in the first section. Both the regression coefficient and detection threshold will be reported.
10. Enter the Median or Geo Mean channel values of labeled samples for the assignment of MESF or ABC values.

Channel Value from Cytometer

MESF (or ABC) assignment of stained cell samples

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Quantum™ MESF Lot# xxxx Acquisition Date dd/mm/yy
Entry Date dd/mm/yy

Bead	MESF/ABC	Channel
Blank		11
Bead #1	4211	360
Bead #2	15018	496
Bead #3	53558	634
Bead #4	158861	752

Comments:

Instrument

Make/Model:
PMT Setting:
Antibody Used:

Linear Regression: 1.0000
Detection Threshold: 167

#	Sample Name	Channel	MESF/ABC
1	Sample 1	555	25,739
2	Sample 2	603	40,139
3	Sample 3	568	29,031
4		Enter channel value	Data incomplete
5		Enter channel value	Data incomplete
6		Enter channel value	Data incomplete
7		Enter channel value	Data incomplete
8		Enter channel value	Data incomplete
9		Enter channel value	Data incomplete
10		Enter channel value	Data incomplete

1024 Scale Calibration Plot (Normalized to 256)

Notes

1. The QuickCal Access Number is printed on a label affixed to the product canister. In most cases, this is the same as the invoice number for the specific order. (See sample label to the right.)
2. Generally, the Median or Geo Mean channel value is entered for each bead population. Either statistic may be used, though the same must be used for beads and cell samples.
3. The calibration (regression) curve is calculated from values entered for the four (or five for FITC-5) labeled bead populations. The blank bead population is not used to construct the curve, but is read from the curve, and reported as the detection threshold. The regression coefficient (r²) is also reported. R² values as near as possible to 1.0 are desired. Sub-optimal linearity will impact the accuracy and reproducibility of assignments to cells and may indicate: a) a problem with the run; b) use of the wrong template resolution; or c) the need for instrument maintenance.

Use Bangs Laboratories' free online quantitative software, QuickCal v 2.3 to analyze your flow cytometry data. To access QuickCal v 2.3, go to www.bangslabs.com/products/quickcal and enter access code: [CODE]



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Troubleshooting

1. If the curve doesn't fit the window, it's likely that the wrong version of the template has been used. To determine "resolution," or the appropriate version of the template, look at the x-axis of the fluorescence histogram. Typically, numbering of 0 - 1000 = 1024 template; 10⁰ - 10⁴ = BD Relative Linear; 0.1 - 1000 = Coulter Relative Linear.
2. An unexpectedly high detection threshold may indicate free dye in the system, or, for Quantum Simply Cellular, that the blank bead population was stained with the antibody-coated beads.
3. If poor results (e.g. linearity) are achieved with a particular run, prepare and run a fresh sample. If poor results persist, this may indicate:
 - (for Quantum Simply Cellular beads) a problem with staining;
 - the bead sample was damaged, e.g. photobleached;
 - the need for instrument service.



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Ordering Information

QuickCal® is provided **free of charge** with the purchase of any Quantum™ MESF or Quantum™ Simply Cellular® kit.

Related Products

Catalog Code	Description	Size
488	Quantum™ Alexa Fluor® 488 MESF	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
647	Quantum™ Alexa Fluor® 647 MESF	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
823	Quantum™ APC MESF	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
555	Quantum™ FITC-5 MESF	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
555p	Quantum™ FITC-5 MESF (Premix)	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
827	Quantum™ R-PE MESF	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
828	Quantum™ PE-Cy™5 MESF	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
815	Quantum™ Simply Cellular® anti-Mouse IgG	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
816	Quantum™ Simply Cellular® anti-Human IgG	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL
817	Quantum™ Simply Cellular® anti-Rat IgG	1mL, 5mL, or 14mL

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