VistaPlex™ Human FF Immune Profiling Assay Kit

CellScape™ Multiplexed Assay Kit for Human Fresh Frozen Samples
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Overview

Description

VistaPlex Assay Kits contain ready-to-use, reliable reagents and optimized protocols enabling researchers to obtain quick, robust data with the CellScape platform. The Human Fresh Frozen (FF) Immune Profiling Assay Kit enables spatial phenotyping of key immune populations and epithelial cells from human FF, OCT-embedded samples.
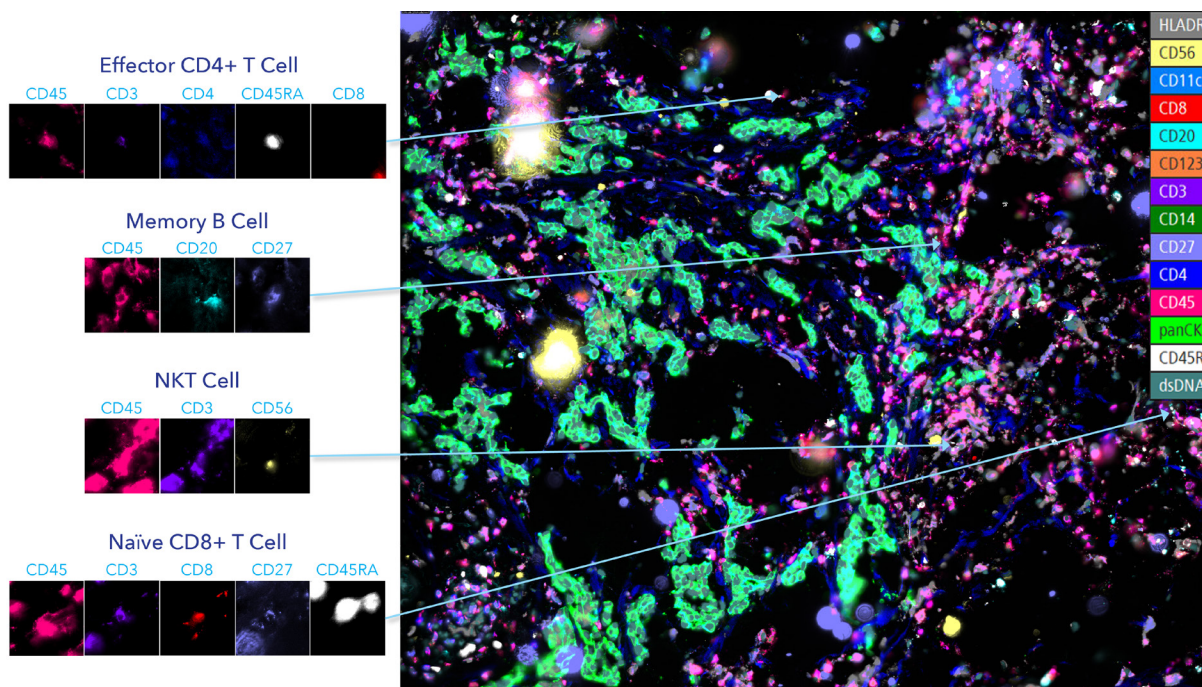
Each Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit contains 14 pre-validated fluorescent antibodies at optimized concentrations, a nuclear counterstain, and buffers for staining 10 samples. This kit was validated on lung, breast, and colon tissues, and has also been tested on appendix tissue. Multiplex assay kit validation is a multi-stage, iterative process to evaluate antibodies for suitability, specificity, and reproducibility.

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Data Summary

Tissue Type	Suitability	Specificity	Reproducibility
Breast FF	✓	✓	✓
Colon FF	✓	✓	✓
Lung FF	✓	✓	✓
Appendix FF	✓	✓	Not tested

Human FF breast cancer tissue section was stained with the Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit and imaged on the CellScape platform. The biomarkers are used to phenotype immune cell populations such as those shown here with defining markers displayed.

Product Details

Kit Contents

Description	Volume	Cap Color
Anti-HLA-DR Antibody	500 µL	Red
Anti-CD56 Antibody	500 µL	Red
Anti-CD11c Antibody	500 µL	Red
Anti-CD8 Antibody	500 µL	Red
Anti-CD123 Antibody	500 µL	Orange
Anti-CD14 Antibody	500 µL	Orange
Anti-CD20 Antibody	500 µL	Orange
Anti-CD3 Antibody	500 µL	Orange
Anti-CD4 Antibody	500 µL	Yellow
Anti-CD27 Antibody	500 µL	Yellow
Anti-CD45 Antibody	500 µL	Yellow
Anti-CD45RA Antibody	500 µL	Green
Anti-PanCytokeratin Antibody	500 µL	Green
DNA Stain, Hoescht	500 µL	Green
Antibody Diluent	50 mL	N/A

Storage

Store assay kit components protected from light at 2–8 °C.

Shelf Life

3 months guaranteed, likely stable up to 2 years.

Sample fixation

Fresh frozen samples were fixed using cold acetone and ethanol. Briefly, frozen samples were immersed in cold acetone for 5 minutes, followed by cold 90% ethanol for 3 minutes, followed by cold 70% ethanol for 3 minutes, and ending in cold Wash Buffer for 6 minutes.

System Compatibility

The Spatial Immune Profiling Assay Kit has been optimized for use with the CellScape platform. CellScape supports image exports in 32-bit OME tiff, 16-bit tiff, and 8-bit png formats for use in any analysis software.

Intended Use

Research Use Only, not for use in diagnostic procedures. Intended for human FF tissues.

Staining Protocol

Panel Set Up

The staining protocol for the Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit is accomplished in 4 cycles. A single antibody working solution is created for each cycle, following dilution instructions in the table below. Complete staining and imaging of the 14 targets in this kit using a 1 cm section takes approximately 12 hours. To customize your panel, add additional cycles using pre-validated antibodies from our biomarker catalog or supplement with fluorescently labeled antibodies from your own inventory.

Imaging

The CellScape's high dynamic range (HDR) imaging technology collects images across a series of exposure times to capture the full range of fluorescence values of each stain, including low-expression biomarkers. Each marker is imaged individually and then overlayed by aligning each channel to a reference channel.

Cycle	Target	Filter Set	Antibody Volume	Diluent Volume	Incubation Time
1	HLA-DR	FSPerCP	50 µL	300 µL	15 min
	CD56	FS560	50 µL		
	CD11c	FS488	50 µL		
	CD8	FS395	50 µL		
2	CD123	FSPerCP	50 µL	300 µL	15 min
	CD14	FS560	50 µL		
	CD20	FS488	50 µL		
	CD3	FS395	50 µL		
3	CD4	FSPerCP	50 µL	350 µL	15 min
	CD27	FS560	50 µL		
	CD45	FS395	50 µL		
4	CD45RA	FSPerCP	50 µL	350 µL	15 min
	Pan-Cytokeratin (panCK)	FS560	50 µL		
	DNA	FS421 and FS395	50 µL		

Example Gating Strategy

Population	Definition
Nucleated Cells	DNA+
Leukocytes	DNA+ CD45+ panCK-
Epithelial Cells	DNA+ CD45- panCK+
NKT Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56+
NK Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56+
T cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56-
Helper T Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4+ CD8-
Cytotoxic T Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4- CD8+
Central Memory CD4+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4+ CD8- C27+ CD45RA-
Naive CD4+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4+ CD8- C27+ CD45RA+
Effector CD4+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4+ CD8- C27- CD45RA+
Effector Memory CD4+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4+ CD8- C27- CD45RA-
Central Memory CD8+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4- CD8+ C27+ CD45RA-
Naive CD8+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4- CD8+ C27+ CD45RA+
Effector CD8+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4- CD8+ C27- CD45RA+
Effector Memory CD8+ Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3+ CD56- CD4- CD8+ C27- CD45RA-
B Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20+ CD14-
Monocytes	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20- CD14+
HLA-DR+ DCs	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20- CD14- HLA-DR+
pDCs	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20- CD14- HLA-DR+ CD123+ CD11c-
mDCs	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20- CD14- HLA-DR+ CD123- CD11c+
Memory B Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20+ CD14- CD27+
Naive B Cells	DNA+ CD45+ panCK- CD3- CD56- CD20+ CD14- CD27-

Gating Details

The Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Kit enables spatial phenotyping of key immune populations and epithelial cells, including those listed in the table above. This is a partial list of phenotypes that can be identified with this panel. Additional phenotypes can be identified based on levels of signal from single markers.
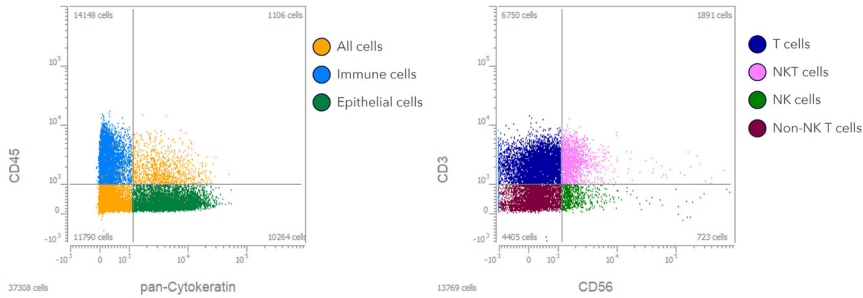
Gating Plots

Shown on page 5 are representative bivariate plots of fluorescence intensity, demonstrating a hierarchical gating strategy to characterize and quantify immune cells in human FF tissue samples.
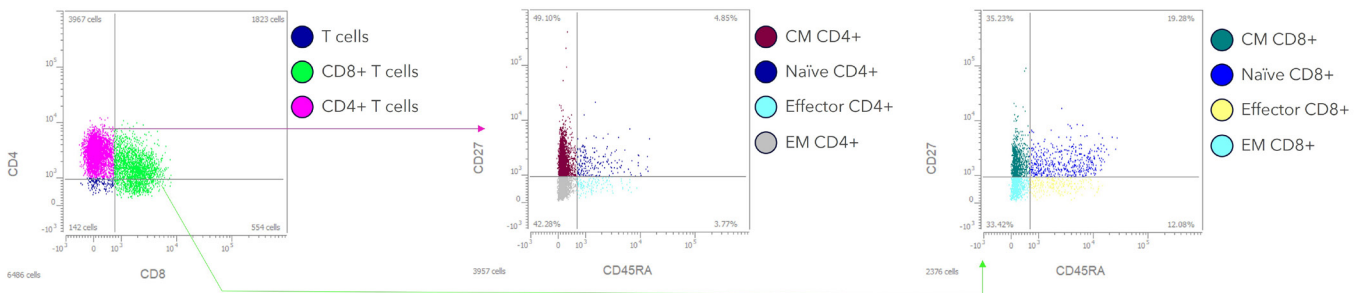
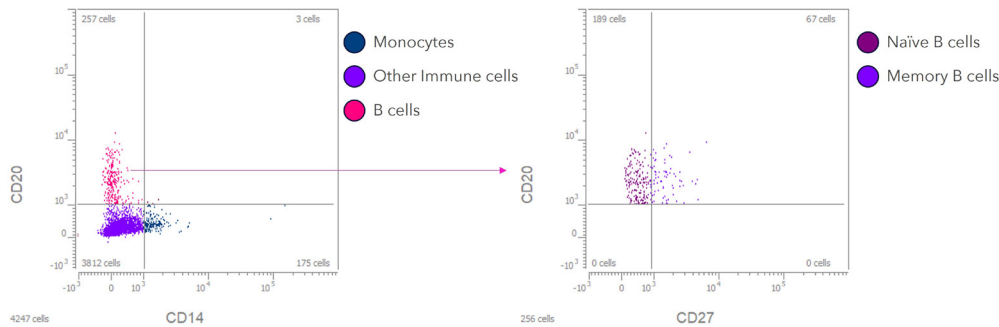# Example Gating Strategy (continued)

Immune Cells, Epithelial Cells, T Cells, NKT Cells, NK Cells, and non-NKT Cells
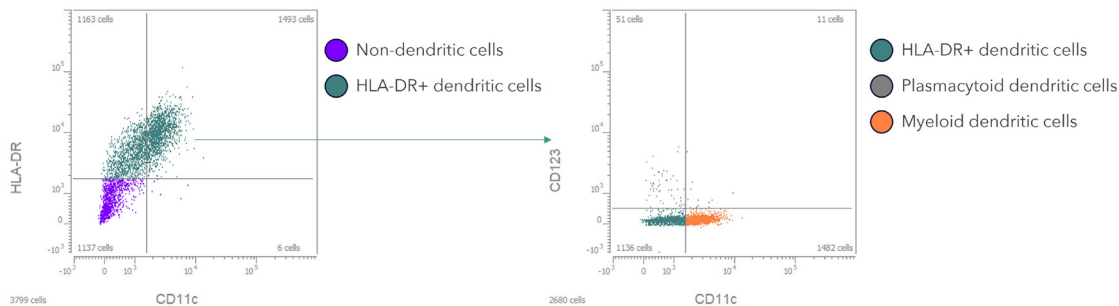

T Cell Subtypes: Helper, Cytotoxic, Regulatory, Naïve, Effector, Central Memory, and Effector Memory

Monocytes and B Cell Subtypes: Naïve and Memory

Dendritic Cells

Assay Validation Process

Antibodies in the Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit have been fully validated for precise and consistent performance in human FF tissue sections.

Suitability

The Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit was assessed for suitability by testing all antibodies in the kit in replicates on lung, breast, and colon tissues. Each replicate showed comparable proportions of cell phenotypes to ensure reproducibility. The kit has also been tested successfully on single samples of appendix tissue.

Specificity

All assay kit antibodies undergo rigorous testing to ensure antibodies bind their intended targets and do not demonstrate off-target effects. Antibodies are initially selected based on reported specificity and fitness for application. The specificity of each antibody is further assessed on the CellScape platform with appropriate counterstains to ensure that antibodies stain their intended tissue structures (e.g., epithelial tissue, stromal region, lymphoid follicles) and localize to the expected subcellular region. The table below lists the expected localization of the biomarker targets in this kit and the antibodies that passed the requirements for staining localization and specificity. A representative composite stain image is shown on page 1.

Reproducibility

The Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit was used on three tissue types (breast, colon, and lung), each in duplicate from the same tissue cores. Technical replicates were performed on different days using the same CellScape instrument. Immune cell populations were quantified using the example gating strategy on page 4 and compared across replicates.

Data Analysis

Data analysis was performed in the ZKW Data Wizard application. Cells were identified by computational segmentation on nuclear stain images. Staining data were reviewed independently by two analysts.

Individual Antibody Validation Results

| Marker	Visible Signal	Subcellular Localization	Tissue Localization	Expected Localization	Review by 2 Analysts
HLA-DR	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD56	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD11c	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD8	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD123	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD14	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD20	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD3	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD4	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD45	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
CD27	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass
panCK	Pass	Cell surface	Mucosal epithelia, tumors	Pass	Pass
CD45RA	Pass	Cell surface	Lymphoid follicles	Pass	Pass

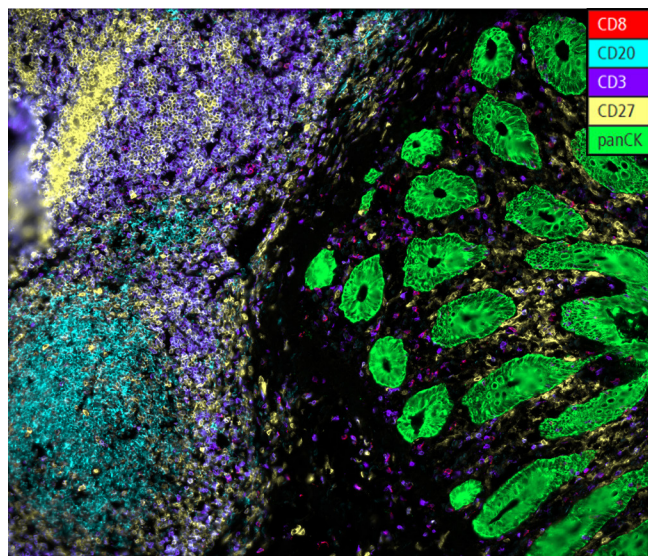# Representative Validation Data

Suitability

Representative imaging areas of FF tissues used for suitability testing are shown. Each section was stained with the Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit and imaged on the CellScape instrument. Marker colors are indicated by insets.
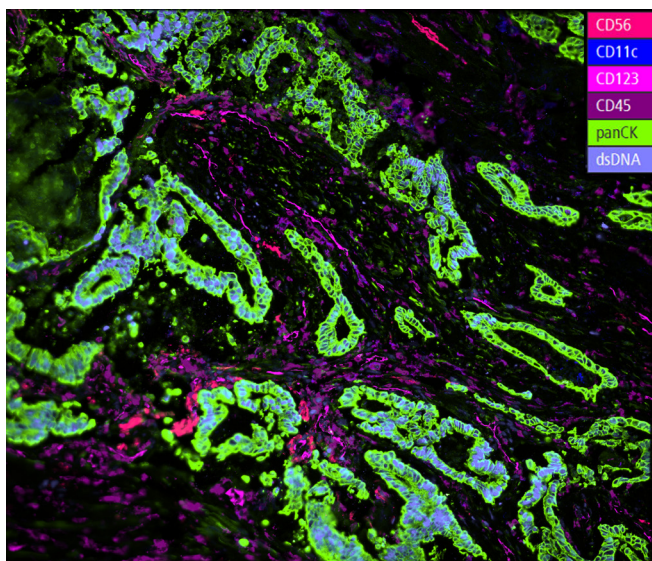
Fresh frozen colon tissue with select indicated stains shown.
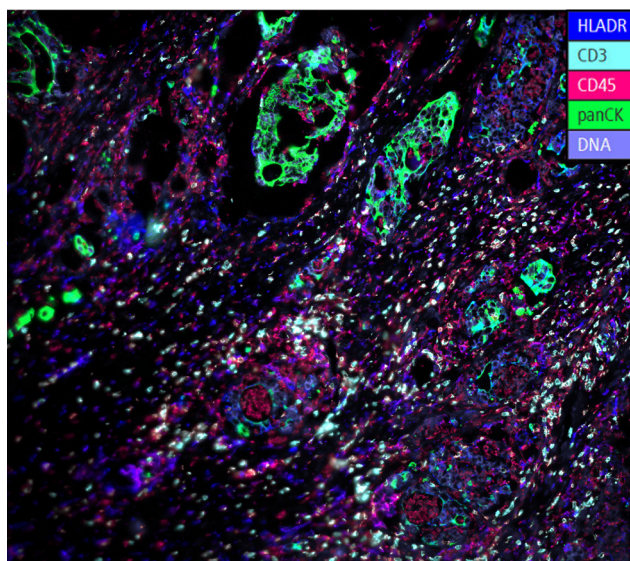
Fresh frozen lung tissue with select indicated stains shown.

Fresh frozen appendix tissue with select indicated stains shown.

Representative Validation Data (continued)

Specificity

Shown are representative images for specificity assessment of four Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit antibodies on a colorectal cancer FF sample. CD45 staining overlaps with both CD3 and CD20 as expected for immune cells. CD3 and CD20 antibodies stain non-overlapping cell populations as expected for T cells and B cells, respectively. PanCK staining is present on structurally distinct mucosal epithelia and does not overlap with immune cell markers.
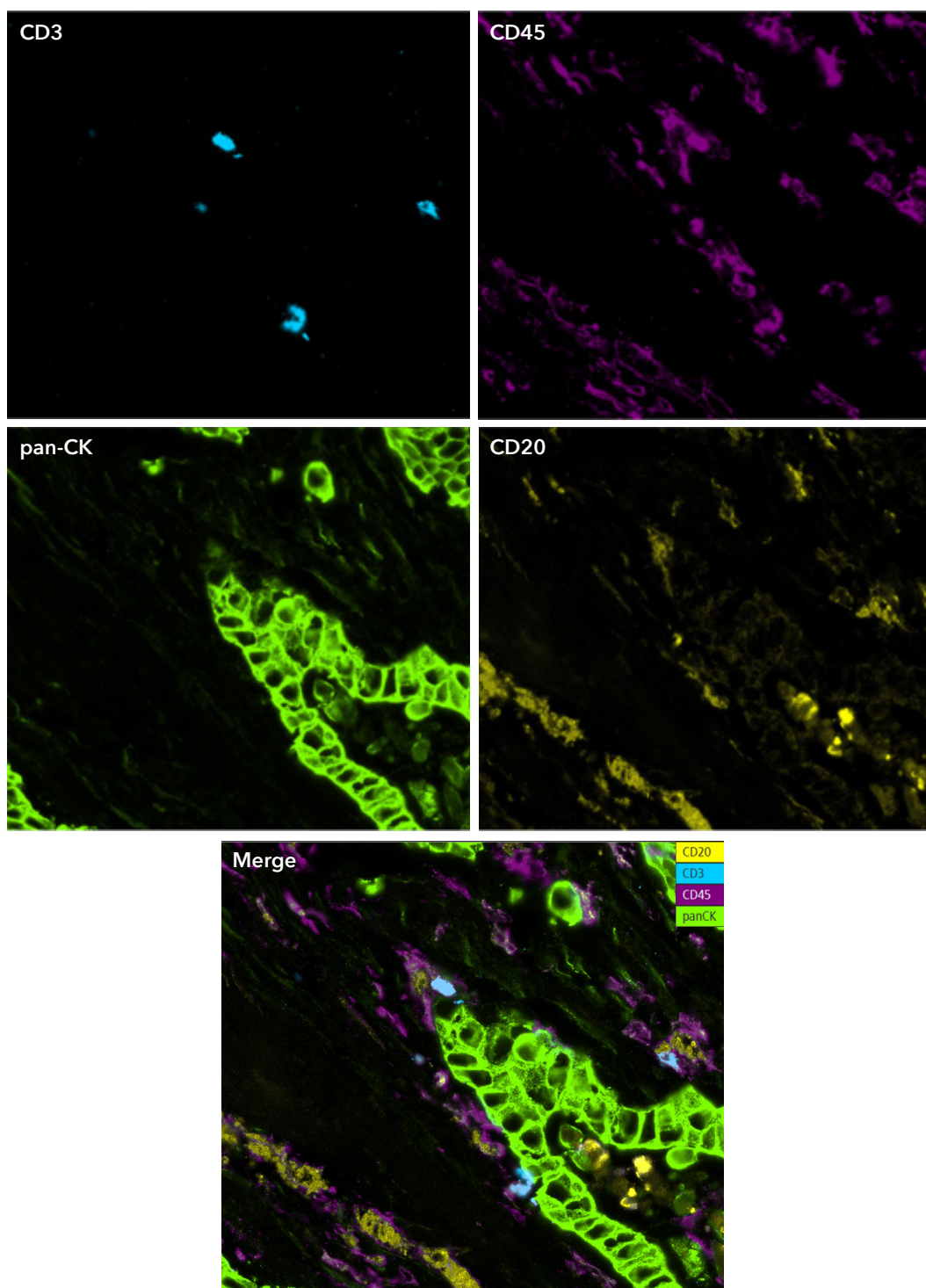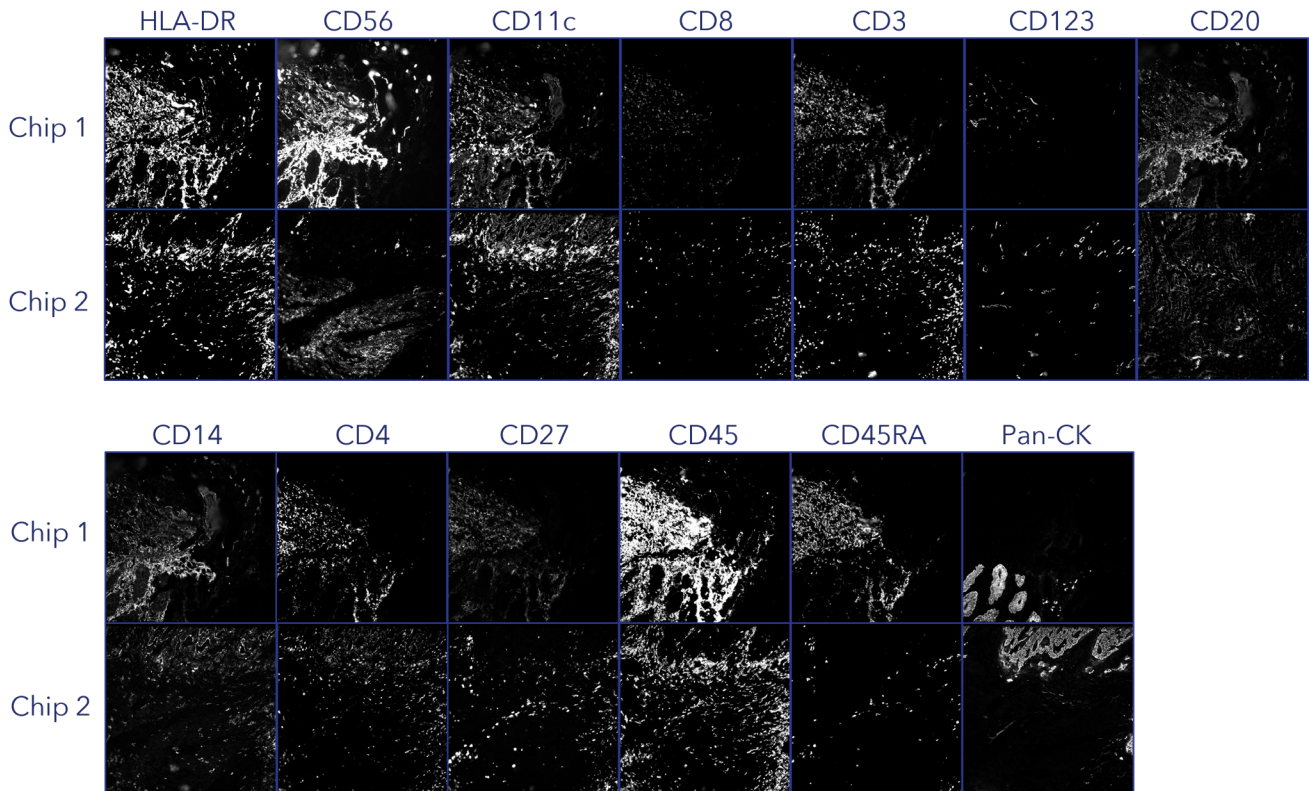
Representative Validation Data (continued)

Reproducibility

Adjacent FF tissue microarray sections containing breast, colon and lung cancer cores were tested with the Human Fresh Frozen Immune Profiling Assay Kit in parallel on a single instrument to demonstrate intra-assay repeatability. Shown below, FF colon cancer samples.

Technical Support

For additional technical support, contact info@canopybiosciences.com

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