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Multiparameter single cell profiling of airway inflammatory cells

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Abstract

Airway diseases affect over 7% of the U.S. population and millions of patients worldwide. Asthmatic patients have wide variation in clinical severity with different clinical and physiologic manifestations of disease that may be driven by distinct biologic mechanisms. Further, the immunologic underpinnings of this complex trait disease are heterogeneous and treatment success depends on defining subgroups of asthmatics. Due to the limited availability and number of cells from the lung, the active site, in-depth investigation has been challenging. Recent advances in technology support transcriptional analysis of cells from induced sputum. Flow cytometry studies have described cells present in the sputum but a detailed analysis of these subsets is lacking. Mass cytometry or CyTOF (Cytometry by Time-Of-Flight) offers tremendous opportunities for multiparameter single cell analysis. Experiments can now allow detection of up to ~40 markers to facilitate unprecedented multidimensional cellular analyses. Here we demonstrate the use of CyTOF on primary airway samples obtained from well-characterized patients with asthma and cystic fibrosis. Using this technology, we quantify cellular frequency and functional status of defined cell subsets. Our studies provide a blueprint to define the heterogeneity among subjects and underscore the power of this single cell method to characterize airway immune status.

Keywords

sputum; immune response; eosinophil; neutrophils; lung disease; asthma; cystic fibrosis; mass cytometry; CyTOF

Introduction

Asthma affects approximately 7% of the U.S. population and millions of patients worldwide (1). The current paradigm of asthma pathogenesis proposes that defects in immunity result in persistent or chronic airway inflammation characterized by excessive mucus production, airway hyper-responsiveness, obstructive lung function, episodic wheezing, and shortness of breath (2). Asthmatic patients have wide variation in clinical severity and while current medications are effective for many, some very severely affected patients remain unresponsive to available therapeutics. Asthma research efforts have moved to defining

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Similar to asthma, Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is characterized by airflow obstruction and chronic airway inflammation due to impaired mucociliary clearance (8–10). CF leads to the accumulation of mucus and neutrophil-predominant debris in the airway and sputum and a different airway microenvironment due to ion transport defects (11). CF is the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States (12).

Infiltrating immune cells in the sputum are largely granulocytic and monocytic in origin, which have been characterized morphologically (3,13,14) and by flow cytometry studies (15–19). The excessive infiltration of neutrophils, eosinophils, and Th2 cells is mediated by cytokines such as IL-4, IL-5 and IL-13 that promote IgE switching, mast cell recruitment, mucus production and airway hyper-responsiveness (2,14,20–23). Notably, severe asthma is associated with elevated numbers of eosinophils in sputum but these cells have been challenging to investigate due to the limited accessibility and number of cells generated by non-invasive delivery of hypertonic saline. Since disease severity likely correlates with a profile of functionally activated immune cells (14), the immunologic underpinnings of this complex trait disease are heterogeneous and require a detailed analysis of cellular subsets in the sputum.

The recent introduction of Mass cytometry or CyTOF (Cytometry by Time-Of-Flight) offers tremendous opportunities for multiparameter single cell analysis. CyTOF uses heavy metal ions as antibody labels and thus overcomes many of the limitations of fluorescence-based flow cytometry such as background and overlapping channels (24). Experiments can now allow detection of up to ~40 markers from each sample to facilitate unprecedented multidimensional cellular analyses (25–28). This technology provides tremendous detail for cellular analysis of multiple cell populations simultaneously. Further, we have recently shown sensitive and reproducible detection of immune cell subsets starting with as few as 10,000 cells demonstrating that CyTOF has excellent sensitivity for quantitative studies of limited sample size (29). We have undertaken the current study to demonstrate the feasibility of this powerful technique in translational investigations and the advantages of quantitative multiparameter phenotypic and functional profiles from airway samples of defined heterogeneous patient cohorts.

Materials and methods

Enrollment of human subjects and sputum collection

Healthy controls and asthmatic or CF subjects age \geq 18 yrs were enrolled with written informed consent through the Yale Center for Asthma and Airway Diseases (YCAAD) phenotyping protocol which collects clinical characteristics and induced sputum samples according to our long-standing protocols (30–33) (Table 1). Enrolled asthmatic subjects have

a diagnosis of asthma based on National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) guidelines, historical evidence of variable airflow obstruction determined by an improvement in FEV₁ > 12% and 200 ml compared to baseline after a short-acting bronchodilator, or treatment with corticosteroids, 20% diurnal variation of peak expiratory flow rates on 2 days over a 2–3 week period, or methacholine reactivity causing a 20% decrease in FEV₁ (PC20) of <8 mg/ml. We excluded subjects who are smokers, or have other chronic lung disease (e.g. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis) or other severe chronic conditions (CHF, renal failure, liver

bronchopulmonary aspergillosis) or other severe chronic conditions (CHF, renal failure, liver disease, chronic viral infections). CF subjects had a confirmed diagnosis of CF according to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation guidelines based on clinical manifestations of CF, sweat chloride testing, and cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene mutation analysis (34). Healthy controls were non-smokers without fever who took no antibiotics at the time of sputum induction. Airway cell samples are acquired by sputum induction with hypertonic saline as described previously (30–33).

Sputum cell isolation and stimulation

On the day of collection, mucus plugs are dissected from saliva by dissecting microscope, washed, dissolved in DTT (Calbiochem/EMD Millipore, Billerica, MA), treated with 150 U/ml Collagenase IV (Worthington Chemical, Lakewood, NJ) and 25 U/ml DNase I (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) for 15 min at 37 °C, and centrifuged to generate cell and supernatant as described (7,30–32). Sputum was processed on the day of isolation using sputolysin (Calbiochem) to generate cell suspension. Sputum from CF subjects was processed using a similar protocol but without DTT and using mechanical disruption of sputum according to standardized protocols (35). Cell yield was counted and samples with >20% squamous cells were considered contaminated and were not analyzed. Cell viability was assessed microscopically after purification and similar values were obtained in CyTOF by exclusion of cisplatin. Cells were incubated in medium alone or with stimulated with 0.5 μ g/ml lipopolysaccharide (LPS; Sigma-Aldrich) for 2 h followed by incubation with 3.0 μ g/ml Brefeldin A (eBioscience, San Jose, CA) and 2 μ M Monensin (eBioscience) for an additional 4 h.

CyTOF marker labeling and detection

Live cell suspensions were labeled on the day of isolation in 400 µl RPMI (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) in wells of a 96-deepwell plate according to established conditions for CyTOF (29). Viability of cells was identified by incubation with 5 µM cisplatin (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) for 5 min at RT and quenched with 500 µl fetal bovine serum. Cells were incubated for 30 min at 4°C with a 50 µl cocktail of metal conjugated antibodies including Qdot-HLA-DR, 142Nd-CD11b, 146Nd-CD8a, 147Sm-CD20, 148Nd-CD16, 154Sm-CD45, 155Gd-CD4, 159Tb-CD11c, 160Gd-CD14, 161Dy-pan-Cytokeratin, 162Dy-CD80, 164Dy-CD15, 165Ho-CD163, 170Er-CD3, 171Yb-CD66b, 174Yb-CD62L and 176Yb-CD56 (Table 2). Metal-conjugated antibodies were purchased from either Fluidigm/DVS Science (Sunnyvale, CA), Longwood Medical Area CyTOF Antibody Resource and Core (Boston, MA), or conjugated in house using Max-PAR kits according to the manufacturer's instructions (Fluidigm). Cells were washed, fixed and permeabilized (BD Pharm LyseTM lysing solution, BD FACS Permeabilizing Solution 2, BD

Biosciences, San Jose, CA) for 10 min each at RT. For intracellular labeling, cells were incubated for 45 min at 4°C with a 50 μ l antibody cocktail for labeling of cytokines 150Nd-MIP-1 β , 152Sm-TNF α , 156Gd-IL-6, 168Er-IFN- γ , and 173Yb-IL-8. Total cells were identified by DNA intercalation (0.125 μ M Iridium-191/193 or MaxPar® Intercalator-Ir, Fluidigm/DVS Science) in 2% PFA at 4°C overnight. A set of 4 metal-labeled calibration beads (QTM Four Element Calibration Beads) was included with each sample for instrument normalization (36). Labeled samples were assessed by the CyTOF2 instrument (Fluidigm) using a flow rate of 0.045 ml/min (29).

Cell subset identification and statistical analysis

To identify cell subsets present in sputum samples, .fcs-files generated by CyTOF were analyzed after exclusion of debris (Iridium^{low}, DNA^{low}), multi-cell events (Iridium^{hi}, DNA^{hi}), and dead cells (cisplatin^{low}) as described previously (29). High dimensional data measured by CyTOF was visualized using tSNE into a two-dimensional map showing neighborhoods of similar cells from the original representation (37,38). Parameters included were CD3, CD4, CD8, CD11c, CD15, CD16, CD20, CD45, CD56, CD66b, CD163, and cytokeratin (CK). To compare responses to stimulation, the pre-gated viable single cells were clustered using Citrus version 0.08 (https://github.com/nolanlab/citrus) (39) using 5000 events from each sample for clustering with 1% of the minimum cluster size. SAM and pamr were used as model types for analyzing abundance and median value, respectively. Significance was inferred for false discovery rate (FDR) < 1% (q < 0.01) for SAM model and cross validation error rate < 20% for pamr model. Each comparison was run at least 3 times to ensure reproducibility (39). Manual gating for validation was performed using Flowjo software (Tree Star, OR). Statistical analysis was performed using Prism 6 software (Graphpad, La Jolla, CA). Mann-Whitney test was used for comparisons between asthmatic, CF, and healthy control groups. For each group, Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed-rank test was used for paired data between mock and LPS treatment.

Results

Detection of multiple cell lineages in sputum

In depth investigation of airway immune pathogenesis requires reproducible assessment of cell subsets and functional status of the relevant airway cells. We characterized cell phenotypes from induced sputum on the day of isolation from healthy controls (n=3) and patients diagnosed with asthma (n=7) or CF (n=11). All sputum samples used in this study had high viability (Table 1; average 77.4 \pm 15.2%). The cell yield from induced sputum averaged 6.1 x 10⁶ \pm x (range 0.8—27.4) with the lowest recovery from healthy controls and higher cell numbers, as expected, from asthmatic and CF subjects (Table 1). To distinguish cell phenotypes and capture the heterogeneity of the cells in sputum, we designed an antibody panel to simultaneously identify multiple cell lineages that accumulate in asthma or CF (15–19) (Table 2, n= 22 antibodies). Gating of live single cells (Figure S1) in CyTOF distinguished lineage specific staining of cytokeratin⁺ non-immune cells which averaged 15.4–18.1% (range 1.7%–48.2%) of cells in asthmatics and healthy controls but were considerably lower in CF subjects (5.6 \pm 1.9%; range 0.5%–17.8%). The majority of cells (59.0–71.7%) from all three groups were CD45⁺ immune cells that labeled predominantly

with neutrophil and monocyte/macrophage markers, as was expected from previous studies using flow cytometry (15–19). Given the small sample size and the well-recognized heterogeneity of asthmatic patients, we assessed frequency of immune cell subsets from patients individually (Figure 1). Sputum datasets were analyzed using tSNE, a dimensionality reduction method that emphasizes neighborhood or cluster-structure when visualized (37,38). Analysis of CD45+ cytokeratin- immune cells by tSNE highlights distinct clusters of cells in sputum and detected multiple cell lineages in sputum including T (CD3⁺) and B (CD3–CD20⁺) lymphocytes, monocytes/macrophages (HLA-DR⁺CD14⁺CD11C⁺), and granulocytes (CD66b⁺) (Figure 1 and Figure S2). Total lymphocyte presence in sputum is quite low and consists of relatively more T cells than B cells. Similarly, NK cells were infrequent in sputum (Figure S2).

Distinct populations of cells distinguish disease cohorts

To distinguish key features of airway immune cells, we compared healthy controls with patients. Both asthmatic and CF patients had elevated levels of infiltrating cells and, notably, different asthmatic patients showed distinct profiles of cells reflecting the heterogeneity of their clinical condition (Figure 1), e.g., predominantly monocytic or more neutrophilic, which is typical of only some asthma clinical clusters (7). As expected, sputum from CF patient was predominantly labeled for neutrophil (PMN), consistent with previous studies (40), and correlating with an average of 85% PMN detected morphologically from cytospin counts (data not shown). To identify different phenotypic clusters of cells between the groups and quantify differences in cell populations, we examined CyTOF datasets from each subject group for analysis using the unsupervised clustering algorithm Citrus (39). When we quantified airway cells between the three cohorts using this unbiased approach, we noted significant differences in the proportion of macrophages with asthmatic and healthy subjects having a higher frequency of macrophages than CF patients, while CF subjects had a higher frequency of PMN than healthy subjects (Figure 2A, B). These clusters were confirmed by manual gating (Figure 2C).

Notably, there was a significantly higher frequency of CD80⁺ PMN from CF compared to asthma ($32.7 \pm 4.5 \text{ vs} 13.6 \pm 3.3, \text{ p} = 0.018$; Figure S3) as well as a trend of increase compared to healthy controls ($16.5 \pm 4.3, \text{ p} = 0.087$, Figure S3), consistent with previous reports of functional reprogramming of PMN in CF (41). Further, a trend towards elevated levels of CD11b was noted in PMN of asthmatic patients taking oral corticosteroids compared to those without (mean \pm s.e.m.: $81.4 \pm 5.2 \text{ vs} 53.7 \pm 9.3, \text{ p} = 0.0571$; Figure S4), suggesting lower levels of activation, but did not quite reach significance likely due to the small number of subjects per subgroup.

Functional Responses of airway cells

The in depth analysis possible with CyTOF supports investigation of functional status that may be relevant to the pathogenesis of airway inflammation and clinical condition. Thus we investigated whether cells from induced sputum would retain functional responses that could be detected by a CyTOF antibody panel. Sputum samples from asthmatic, CF, and healthy controls were stimulated with LPS ($0.5 \mu g/ml$) for 6 hr and labeled for lineage-specific production of pro-inflammatory cytokines (Figure S5). The number of cells recovered

following treatment with LPS was not significantly different for any group (Figure 3A), indicating that the cells were viable and tolerated this relatively potent treatment. Through hierarchical clustering Citrus analysis (Figure 3B, 3C, 3E) and manual gating (Figure 3D, 3F) of live cells from samples of three cohorts, we noted induction of cytokines MIP-1 β and TNFa by monocyte/macrophages in asthmatic samples and a decrease of IL-6 by PMN in CF samples following LPS treatment. These results indicate that this method can not only detect production of cytokines relevant to increased inflammation in the airway, but also highlight the distinctions between inflammatory processes in these airway diseases. The cytokine production showed substantial variability among subjects, which likely reflects the diverse characteristic of asthmatics and CF. In addition, we noted dramatic variation in responsiveness of PMN in asthmatic and CF sputum, with a portion of the subjects showing strong induction of TNF following stimulation with LPS, some showing a reduction, and some with no response at all (Figure 3G). In our pilot study no significant differences were detected between the asthmatic subjects taking $> 600 \ \mu g$ oral steroids (n=4) in comparison to those taking lower doses or without steroids (n=3), or for the CF subjects with gram negative colonization (n=9)--who would thus be exposed to LPS in vivo--to those without (n=2). Future studies of larger defined patient cohorts may employ these methods to distinguish airway cell function.

Discussion

Here we have demonstrated the utility of mass cytometry to define functional cell subsets in primary airway cells from asthmatic and CF patients and healthy controls using a panel of 22 phenotypic and functional antibodies. Our initial CyTOF airway panel, while relatively modest by CyTOF standards, validates detection of major sputum cell populations and functional responses and can serve as a backbone for future studies with an additional ~15–20 open channels to provide substantial flexibility. Given the high sensitivity and dimensionality of this method, a full panel of 42 markers will allow more definitive characterization of immune subsets as well as populations of non-immune cytokeratin cells from sputum that cannot be identified or fully characterized by traditional methods of flow cytometry or light microscopy (cytospin) determination.

Our current study is limited in sample size and with a larger cohort we might have detected additional differences. Valuable markers to include in future studies will be BDCA-1, BDCA-3, CD123 and BDCA-2 for dendritic cells (19,42), IgE and CCR3 for basophils (43,44), and c-Kit for mast cells (45). Specialized panels can be developed for CF as the CD16 marker to distinguish PMN and eosinophils is often absent in CF (41). Moreover, guides to distinguish monocytes and macrophages--which rely on SSC parameters (17,18) or auto-fluorescence (19) in flow cytometry--can be resolved in future studies by expanding the panel beyond the many shared markers (e.g., CD11c, HLA-DR, CD14).

An in depth analysis of cell phenotype and functional status provides an opportunity to quantitatively immunophenotype subpopulations of airway cells in heterogeneous patient groups. These quantitative measurements will allow detailed investigation of cellular phenotypes in disease severity groups, as well as kinetics of responses in these cell types and activation of signal transduction pathways relevant to clinical status or therapeutic

interventions. Single cell profiles can be correlated with levels of biomarkers of disease severity or status refractory to treatment modalities such as <u>t</u>ranscriptomic <u>e</u>ndotypes of <u>a</u>sthma (TEA) (7), or the asthma biomarker chitinase-like protein, YKL-40, which is increased in the circulation and airways with disease severity, and for which a gene polymorphism is associated with asthma, lung function and bronchial hyper-responsiveness (30,31,46). Validation of our multiparameter antibody panels for airway immune cells will enable the most rapid adoption of this technology for investigation of asthma and other airway diseases. Through collection of high-quality data employing validated reference standards (47,48), future studies approaching a single cell resolution will undoubtedly improve our understanding of immune responses in the airway.

In addition, CyTOF analysis can be combined with other recent advances in technology, such as intracellular signaling pathways with high-resolution digital imaging (49) and transcriptional profiling (7). These quantitative assays are feasible to perform in sputum samples and open a new avenue for multidimensional profiling of functional cells in relevant patient cohorts to investigate cellular mechanisms and allow more individualized diagnosis and targeted therapeutic options for refractory patients.

Supplementary Material

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Abbreviations

CF	Cystic Fibrosis
Eos	Eosinophils
CyTOF	Mass cytometry by time of flight
PMN	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
TEA	transcriptomic endotypes of asthma

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Cells from sputum were labeled with metal-conjugated antibodies for immunophenotyping and analyzed by CyTOF. Live cells from representative healthy control (HC) and individual patients with asthma (A1, A2) or cystic fibrosis (CF) were analyzed using tSNE plots. Each dot represents a single-nucleated live immune cell (CD45⁺, cytokeratin⁻) including T cells (CD3⁺, CD4⁺, CD8⁺), B cells (CD20⁺), monocyte/macrophage subsets (CD11c⁺, CD14⁺, CD16⁺), and PMN (CD66b⁺). Rows correspond to healthy control (HC) or asthmatic (A1 and A2) or CF subjects (CF) with each plot colorized to red for high expression of the respective marker.



Figure 2. Automated clustering analysis of cell subsets in human sputum

The viable single cells from sputum of asthmatic (AM, n = 7), CF (n = 11), and healthy (HC, n = 3) subjects were analyzed by the unsupervised hierarchical clustering algorithm Citrus on the basis of the expression of markers in each sample. Abundance of subsets was compared using SAM (FDR < 1%) between all three groups. (A) Abundance of cells within the identified distinguishing clusters. (B) Phenotypic plots of the clusters of sputum cells with distinct abundance between subjects. The phenotypic plots represent the clusters with different abundance between the groups. All the phenotypic plots are representative of at least three independent runs. (C) Hierarchical clusters confirmed by manual gating. Mo/ Mac, monocytes/macrophages, CD45⁺HLA-DR⁺CD14⁺CD11c⁺; PMN, CD45⁺CD66b⁺. * indicates p < 0.05, Mann-Whitney test was used for comparisons between cohorts.



Figure 3. Functional analysis of sputum cell subsets

Sputum single cell suspensions were incubated with 0.5 μ g/ml LPS or medium alone (mock) for 6 h. Cells were labeled with metal-conjugated antibodies against cell lineage markers as well as functional markers CD80, IL-6, IL-8, IFN γ , MIP-1 β , TNF α , CD11b and CD62L and analyzed by CyTOF. (A) Frequency of each cell subset in sputum from asthma (AM), CF, and healthy control (HC) subjects obtained by manual gating was not altered by treatment with LPS. Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed-rank test was used for paired data between mock and LPS treatment, all groups NS. CK, cytokeratin; Mo/Mac, monocytes/ macrophages; T, T cells; B, B cells; NK, Natural Killer cells. (B) The live single cells from asthmatic, CF and healthy sputum were analyzed by Citrus. The phenotypic plots represent the clusters with different median intensity of indicated markers (C and E) between the two treatments. Results obtained by manual gating show (D) Frequency of MIP-1 β -or TNF α -expressing monocytes/macrophages in sputum from three cohorts; (F, G) Frequency of IL-6- or TNF α -expressing PMN in sputum from three groups. * indicates p < 0.05, Wilcoxon signed rank test.

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Table 1

Study Subject Demographics, Clinical Status, and Sputum Collection

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$N = T$ A_2 F African American $56,4$ $1,01$ EV 640 A_1 A_2 F African American $27,3$ 203 (56%) EV 640 A_1 A_2 F African American $23,3$ $1,98$ (34%) MOD^{**} 640^{**} A_1 B_2 F African American 46.86 $1,04$ (39%) EV 000^{**} A_1 B_2 F African American 46.86 100.4^{**} 640^{**} A_1 B_2 F African American 46.86 100.4^{**} 640^{**} A_1 B_2 A_1 46.86 100.43^{**} 80^{**} 100^{**} A_1 B_1 M $White 23,34 80^{**} 100^{**} 100^{**} A_2 B_1 M Mhite 23,41 MD 80^{**} 10^{**} A_2 B_1 M Mhite 21.8$	Asthma	A1	60	ц	White	36.99	0.89 (39%)	SEV	0		8.0	88.0
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		A3	50	М	African American	27.39	2.03 (56%)	SEV 00	1000 *		2.0	57.0
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American Society for Microbiology and the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute. + indicates growth of Gram-negative respiratory pathogens in sputum after 5 days of incubation. Cell number and OCS oral corticosteroids for * 8 days or ** 30 days. Sputum microbiology from CF patients was reported by the Yale-New Haven Clinical Microbiology Laboratory according to guidelines from the viability were determined microscopically prior to CyTOF.

Table 2

Antibodies used for mass cytometry.

Isotope	Ab	Vendor	Catalog #	Clone
Q-dot	HLA-DR	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Q22158	Tü36
142Nd	CD11b	BWH*	V03005	M1/70
146Nd	CD8a	DVS	3146001B	RPA-T8
147Sm	CD20	DVS	3147001B	2H7
148Nd	CD16	DVS	3148004B	3G8
150Nd	MIP-1β	DVS	3150004B	D21-135
152Sm	TNF-a	DVS	3152001B	Mab11
154Sm	CD45	DVS	3154001B	HI30
155Gd	CD4	BWH*	V04286	RPA T4
156Gd	IL-6	DVS	3156011B	MQ2-13AS
159Tb	CD11c	DVS	3159001B	Bu15
160Gd	CD14	DVS	3160001B	M5E2
161Dy	Cytokeratin	BioLegend	628601	C-11
162Dy	CD80	DVS	3162010B	2D10.4
164Dy	CD15	DVS	3164001B	W6D3
165Ho	CD163	DVS	3165017B	GHI/61
168Er	IFN-γ	DVS	3168005B	B27
170Er	CD3	DVS	3170001B	UCHT1
171Yb	CD66b	BWH*	V10178	G10F5
173Yb	IL-8	BioLegend **	511402	E8N1
174Yb	CD62L	BWH*	V00751	DREG-56
176Yb	CD56	DVS	3176009B	N901

* Brigham and Women's CyTOF Antibody Resource;

** in house conjugation using Max-Par kit Page 15