C1 System Usage

Start the Instrument

On the back of the instrument, turn the power switch ON. At power up and instrument initialization, the C1™ system home screen displays.

(Optional) Login

Log in as Admin or with a specific user account.

NOTE For information on setting passwords, see the C1 System User Guide, PN 100-4977. For more information on the Tools menu, also see the user guide.

Load an IFC

1 Tap OPEN.

2 Place the integrated fluidic circuit (IFC) onto the tray by aligning the notched corner to the white notch. In this position, barcode numbers on the IFC label face out.

3 Tap LOAD.

4 C1 displays the IFC barcode at the right side of the screen. If you get a barcode error message, first check the IFC positioning and direction. You may also enter the barcode manually through the error message screen.

NOTE Contact technical support for help if problem persists.

Run a Script

1 Select a script to run from the script selection window. (The list of available scripts is defined by the IFC barcode.)

2 Tap START.

NOTE A status screen appears with a time estimate for completion.

3 After the script is complete, as denoted on the status screen, tap EJECT to remove the IFC. (During an active script, ABORT will cancel the IFC run.)
Clean the Interface Plate

Fluidigm recommends cleaning the interface plate once a day.

1 Tap **OPEN**, place a used IFC into the shuttle, then tap **LOAD**.

2 Tap **Release Interface Plate** on the System tab, tap **START**, then **OK**.

3 Remove the interface plate.

4 Using a lint-free cloth and 70% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol, gently wipe the top and bottom of the interface plate to remove any debris.

5 Place the cleaned interface plate onto the used IFC in the shuttle. The notch of the interface plate must align with the white notch of the shuttle tray.

6 Tap **LOAD**.

7 Run any script, wait 10–15 seconds, then tap **ABORT** to abort the run. The interface plate installs in the instrument.