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1. Description

This product is for research use only.

Components	1 mL 7-AAD Staining Solution:
Capacity	For 10^8 total cells, up to 100 tests.
Product format	The ready-to-use 7-AAD Staining Solution is supplied in phosphate-buffered saline, pH 7.2, at a concentration of 52.5 µg/mL.
Storage	Store protected from light at 2–8 °C. Do not freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

1.1 Background information

7-AAD (7-amino-actinomycin D) is a fluorescent dye that intercalates into double-stranded DNA (GC rich regions). It is excluded from viable cells, but can penetrate cell membranes of dead or dying cells. Therefore, it can be used instead of propidium iodide (PI) for the evaluation of cell death and apoptosis.

The fluorescence emission maximum for 7-AAD is at 647 nm. When excited at 488 nm, 7-AAD is detected in the red fluorescence channel commonly used for R-phycoerythrin (PE)-Cy⁵ tandem dye detection, with minimal spectral overlap into the yellow fluorescence channel commonly used for PE detection.

1.2 Applications

- Exclusion of dead cells from flow cytometric analysis.

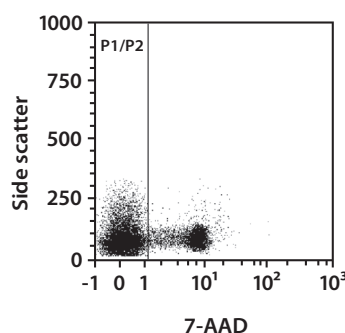
1.3 Recommended dilution

It is recommended to use 7-AAD Staining Solution at a final concentration of 0.525 µg/mL. Since application vary, each investigator should titrate the reagent to obtain optimal results.

For 10^6 cells in 1 mL buffer add 10 µL of 7-AAD Staining Solution and incubate for 5 minutes in the dark at room temperature before analysis.

2. Example of cell staining with the 7-AAD Staining Solution

10^6 human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), 8 days old, were stained with 7-AAD Staining Solution and analyzed by flow cytometry using the MACSQuant[®] Analyzer 10. Cell debris was excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals. Dead cells are positive for 7-AAD and thus can be excluded from analysis. Viable cells belong to the P2 population.



3. Reference

1. Schmid, I. *et al.* (1992) Dead cell discrimination with 7-amino-actinomycin D in combination with dual color immunofluorescence in single laser flow cytometry. *Cytometry* 13 (2): 204–208.

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