

## Live or Dead™ Fixable Dead Cell Staining Kit \*NIR Fluorescence\*

Catalog number: 22605  
Unit size: 200 Tests

Component	Storage	Amount
Component A: Stain It™ NIR fluorescence	Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 vial
Component B: DMSO	Freeze (<-15 °C)	1 vial (200 µL)

### OVERVIEW

Our Live or Dead™ Fixable Dead Cell Staining Kits are a set of tools for labeling cells for fluorescence microscopic investigations of cellular functions. The effective labeling of cells provides a powerful method for studying cellular events in a spatial and temporal context. This particular kit is designed to uniformly label fixed mammalian cells in infrared fluorescence for flow cytometry applications with red laser excitation. The kit uses a proprietary red fluorescent dye that is more fluorescent upon binding to cellular components. The fluorescent dye used in the kit is well excited with the red (635 nm) to fluorescence at 775 nm (APC/CY7 channel). The kit provides all the essential components with an optimized cell-labeling protocol. It is an excellent tool for preserving of fluorescent images of particular cells, and can also be used for fluorescence flow cytometry applications.

### AT A GLANCE

#### Protocol summary

1. Prepare samples in HHBS (0.5 mL/assay)
2. Replace with HHBS
3. Add Stain It™ NIR fluorescence to the cell suspension
4. Stain the cells at room temperature or 37°C for 20 - 60 minutes
5. Wash the cells
6. Fix the cells (optional)
7. Examine the sample with flow cytometer and/or fluorescence microscope using the appropriate Excitation/Emission filter

**Important** Thaw all the components at room temperature before starting the experiment.

### KEY PARAMETERS

Instrument: Fluorescence microscope  
Excitation: 749 nm  
Emission: 775 nm  
Recommended plate: Black wall/clear bottom

Instrument: Flow cytometer  
Excitation: 640 nm laser  
Emission: 780/60 nm filter  
Instrument specification(s): APC-Cy7 channel

### PREPARATION OF STOCK SOLUTIONS

*Unless otherwise noted, all unused stock solutions should be divided into single-use aliquots and stored at -20 °C after preparation. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.*

1. Stain It™ NIR fluorescence stock solution (500X):  
Add 200 µL DMSO (Component B) into the vial of Stain It™ NIR fluorescence (Component A) to make 500X Stain It™ NIR fluorescence stock solution.

### SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

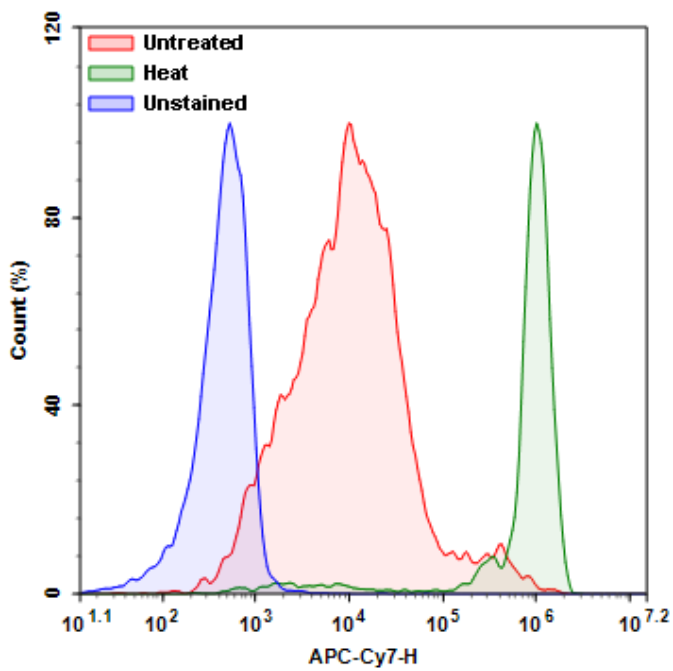
**Table 1.** Fluorescence spectra properties and suggested excitation laser for flow cytometry analysis

Cat. #	Description	Ex (nm)	Em (nm)	Excitation Source
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22500	Blue Fluorescence with 405 nm Excitation	410	450	405 nm
22501	Green Fluorescence with 405 nm Excitation	408	512	405 nm
22502	Orange Fluorescence with 405 nm Excitation	398	550	405 nm
22599	Red Fluorescence Optimized for Flow Cytometry	523	617	488 nm
22600	Blue Fluorescence	353	442	335 nm
22601	Green Fluorescence	498	521	488 nm
22602	Orange Fluorescence	547	573	561 nm or 488 nm
22603	Red Fluorescence	583	603	561 nm
22604	Deep Red Fluorescence	649	660	633 nm
22605	Near Infrared Fluorescence	749	775	633 nm

1. Prepare cells using 1X Hanks and 20 mM Hepes buffer (HHBS) or sodium azide-free and serum/protein-free buffer of your choice.
  2. Wash cells once with HHBS or the azide- and serum/protein-free buffer of your choice.
  3. Resuspend cells at 5 - 10 × 10<sup>6</sup>/mL in HHBS or in the azide- and serum/protein-free buffer of your choice.
  4. Add 1 µL of 500X Stain It™ NIR fluorescence stock solution to 0.5 mL of cells/assay and mix it well.
  5. Incubate at room temperature or 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 20 - 60 minutes, protected from light.
- Note** The optimal stain concentrations and incubation time should be experimentally determined for different cell lines.
6. Wash cells twice and resuspend cells with HHBS or the buffer of your choice.
  7. Fix cells as desired (optional).
  8. Analyze cells with flow cytometer and/or fluorescence microscope using the appropriate Excitation/Emission filter (see Table 1).

### EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES



**Figure 1.** Detection of Jurkat cell viability by Live or Dead™ Fixable Dead Cell Staining Kits (Cat#22605). Jurkat cells were treated and stained with Stain It™ NIR, and then fixed in 3.7% formaldehyde and analyzed by flow cytometry. Live (Red), heat-treated (Green) and unstained (Blue) cells were distinguished with APC-Cy7 channel.

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