

## Technical Data Sheet

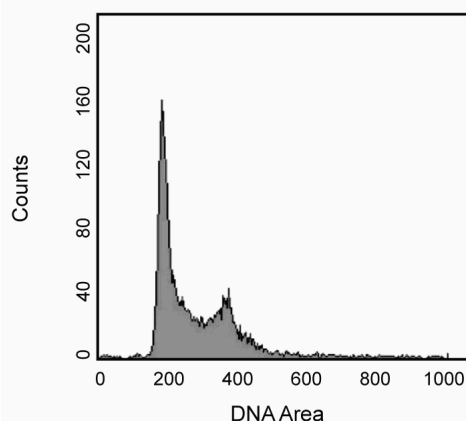
## PI/RNase Staining Buffer

## Product Information

Material Number:	550825
Size:	100 ml
Storage Buffer:	Aqueous buffered solution containing $\leq 0.09\%$ sodium azide.

## Description

Propidium Iodide (PI) is a fluorescent vital dye that stains DNA and RNA. PI binds to both DNA and RNA, so the latter must be removed by digestion with ribonucleases. The content of DNA as determined by flow cytometry, can reveal useful information about the cell cycle and the proteins involved in the regulation of the cell cycle. Cells in G2 and M phases of the cell cycle have double the DNA content of those in G0 and G1 phases. Cells in S phase have a DNA content lying between these extremes. PI is detected in the orange range of the spectrum using a 562-588 nm band pass filter. This reagent may be used to analyze cell cycle by flow cytometry in addition to use with antibodies for examining the expression of proteins during the cell cycle.



**DNA content histogram of fixed Jurkat cells (Human T-cell leukemia; ATCC TIB-152).** Jurkat cells were fixed with 1% paraformaldehyde (methanol free) and stored in 70% ethanol at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Cells were stained with 0.5 mL PI/RNase staining buffer for 15 minutes at room temperature and analyzed by flow cytometry.

## Preparation and Storage

Store undiluted at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze.  
Do not dilute or boil.

## Application Notes

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Flow cytometry	Routinely Tested
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## Recommended Assay Procedure:

**Flow cytometry:** After fixing and permeabilizing your cell sample, use 0.5 mL /test ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells) and incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature before analysis. Please refer to [http://www.bdbiosciences.com/documents/BD\\_FlowCytometry\\_DNA\\_Staining\\_Protocol.pdf](http://www.bdbiosciences.com/documents/BD_FlowCytometry_DNA_Staining_Protocol.pdf) for more protocol information.

## Suggested Companion Products

Catalog Number	Name	Size	Clone
554656	Stain Buffer (FBS)	500 ml	(none)
554655	Fixation Buffer	100 ml	(none)
558052	Perm Buffer II	125 ml	(none)
558050	Perm Buffer III	125 ml	(none)

## Product Notices

- Please refer to [www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols](http://www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols) for technical protocols.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Caution: Sodium azide yields highly toxic hydrazoic acid under acidic conditions. Dilute azide compounds in running water before discarding to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive deposits in plumbing.

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