

BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibodies-Clone MoBU-1

Table 1. Contents and storage information.

Material	Conjugate	Amount	Contents	Storage*
BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibodies-Clone MoBU-1	Pacific Blue™ (B35129)	500 µL	Antibody solution in phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.2, containing 5 mM sodium azide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2–6°C • Protect from light
	Alexa Fluor® 488 (B35139)			
	Alexa Fluor® 647 (B35140)			
	Unconjugated (B35141)			
*When stored as directed, the product is stable for 1 year.				
Number of assays: Sufficient material is supplied for approximately 100 assays.				
Approximate fluorescence excitation/emission maxima: Pacific Blue™ conjugate: 416/451 in nm; Alexa Fluor® 488 conjugate: 495/518 in nm; Alexa Fluor® 647 conjugate: 650/665 in nm.				

Introduction

The thymidine analog 5-bromo-2-deoxyuridine (BrdU) is a common reagent used for cell proliferation assays^{1,2} and for the detection of apoptotic cells.³ BrdU is a uridine derivative and a structural analog of thymidine, and it can be incorporated into DNA during the synthesis-phase of the cell cycle as a substitute for thymidine, thereby serving as a marker for proliferation. Cells marked by BrdU incorporation may be detected by fluorescently labeled anti-BrdU antibodies.

The anti-BrdU mouse monoclonal antibody MoBU-1 readily detects BrdU incorporated into DNA. Cells can be pulse-labeled with BrdU, and then analyzed with the antibody clone MoBU-1 against BrdU to determine the proportion of proliferating cells during a given interval.

An advantage of the MoBU-1 clone is that it does not cross-react with the thymidine analog 5-ethynyl-2'-deoxyuridine (EdU), which is detected via click chemistry.^{5,6} Traditionally, the dual pulse method employs BrdU immunocytochemistry and ³H-thymidine radiography, or it combines BrdU with iododeoxyuridine (IdU) or chlorodeoxyuridine (CldU), using multiple BrdU antibodies of different clones that cross-react with IdU and CldU for detection.

Combining BrdU detection with the antibody clone MoBU-1 and EdU detection via click chemistry simplifies dual pulse labeling. Using sequential pulses of the thymidine analogs EdU and BrdU, BrdU- and EdU-labeled cells can easily and reliably be distinguished by flow cytometry. This dual pulse method uses anti-BrdU clone MoBU-1 for the detection of the incorporated BrdU, which shows no cross reactivity with EdU. This is combined with click-chemistry detection of the incorporated EdU, which is bio-orthogonal and does not react with the incorporated BrdU.

Before Starting

Materials Required but Not Provided

- BrdU
- Buffers such as Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)
- Cells and culture media
- Reagents for cell fixation and DNA denaturation

Staining Conditions

These reagents were optimized using Jurkat T-cell leukemia cells pulsed with 10 μM BrdU for 1.5 hours using an acid denaturation method.⁷ We recommend using 5 μL of antibody per 1×10^6 cells in a 100 μL staining volume. Because conditions may vary, we recommend optimizing the amount of antibody used for each application. This product is supported for flow cytometry; for other uses, experimental conditions such as dilutions should be determined by individual investigators.

Caution

This product contains 5 mM sodium azide as a preservative. Sodium azide is an extremely toxic and dangerous compound, particularly when combined with acids or metals. Dispose of solutions containing sodium azide properly.

Preparing Antibodies

The unlabeled antibody and antibody conjugates are supplied in unit sizes of 500 μL as ready-to-use solutions in phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.2, containing 5 mM sodium azide. This is sufficient for 100 assays. These solutions are stable at 2–6°C for approximately twelve months.

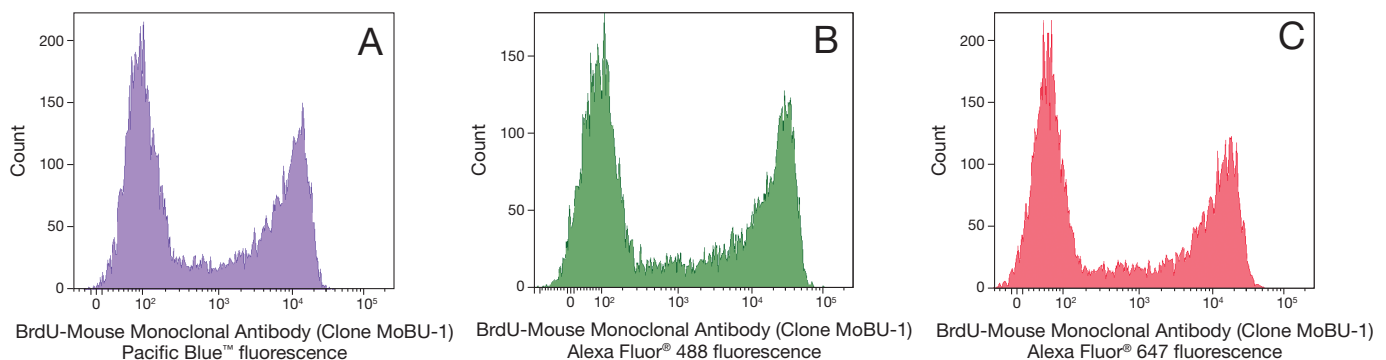


Figure 1. Jurkat T-cell leukemia cells were treated with 10 μM BrdU for 1.5 hours. The cells were then fixed in ethanol and stored overnight at $\leq -20^\circ\text{C}$. An acid denaturation method⁷ was used to prepare the cells before labeling them with BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibody-Clone MoBU-1 to detect the incorporated BrdU. Plot A shows the Pacific Blue™ conjugate, plot B shows the Alexa Fluor® 488 conjugate, and plot C shows the Alexa Fluor® 647 conjugate, each using 5 μL antibody conjugate labeling 1×10^6 cells. Proliferating cells are clearly distinguished from non-proliferating cells.

References

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Cat. no.	Product Name	Unit Size
B35129	BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibody (Clone MoBU-1) - Pacific Blue™	500 µL
B35139	BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibody (Clone MoBU-1) - Alexa Fluor® 488	500 µL
B35140	BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibody (Clone MoBU-1) - Alexa Fluor® 647	500 µL
B35141	BrdU-Mouse Monoclonal Antibody (Clone MoBU-1) - Unconjugated	500 µL
Related Products		
B23151	5-bromo-2'-deoxyuridine (BrdU)	100 mg
A10044	EdU (5-ethynyl-2'-deoxyuridine)	50 mg
A1034	Click-iT® EdU Pacific Blue™ Flow Cytometry Assay Kit	1 kit
C35002	Click-iT® EdU Alexa Fluor® 488 Flow Cytometry Assay Kit	1 kit
A10202	Click-iT® EdU Alexa Fluor® 647 Flow Cytometry Assay Kit	1 kit
F10347	FxCycle™ Violet stain	1 set
F10348	FxCycle™ Far Red stain	1 set
S10274	SYTOX® AADvanced™ Dead Cell Stain Kit	500 assays
S10349	SYTOX® AADvanced™ Dead Cell Stain Kit	100 assays

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