

Annexin V-FITC/PI Apoptosis Detection Kit

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Storage 2-8°C. Protect from light. Do not freeze.

Shipping Shipped with ice packs. Please store under the specified storage conditions immediately upon receipt.

Introduction

Annexins are a family of calcium-dependent phospholipid-binding proteins that preferentially bind phosphatidylserine (PS). Under normal physiologic conditions, PS is predominantly located in the inner leaflet of the plasma membrane. Upon initiation of apoptosis, PS loses its asymmetric distribution across the phospholipid bilayer and is translocated to the extracellular membrane leaflet marking cells as targets of phagocytosis. Once on the outer surface of the membrane, PS can be detected by fluorescently labeled Annexin V in a calcium-dependent manner.

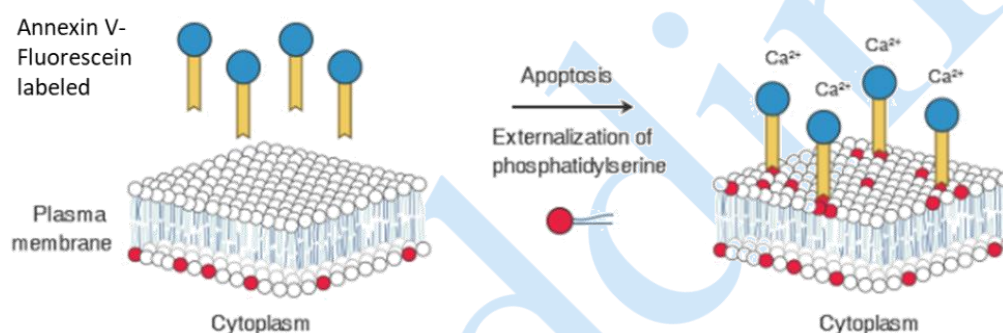


Fig. 1 Principal of Annexin-V Apoptosis Assay

In early-stage apoptosis, the plasma membrane excludes viability dyes such as propidium iodide (PI), 7-AAD. These cells will stain with Annexin V but not a viability dye, thus distinguishing cells in early apoptosis. However, in late stage apoptosis, the cell membrane loses integrity thereby allowing Annexin V to also access PS in the interior of the cell. A viability dye can be used to resolve these late-stage apoptotic and necrotic cells (Annexin V, viability dye-positive) from the early-stage apoptotic cells (Annexin V positive, viability dye-negative). This kit is suitable for the identification and enumeration of dead cells, such as apoptotic or necrotic cells, by flow cytometry.

Kit Contents

A1372286	Component	20 T	50 T	100 T	Storage	Quantity Per Test
A1372286A	10×Annexin V Binding Buffer	5 mL	10 mL	20 mL	2-8°C.	200 µL/0.5-1.0×10 ⁵ cells
A1372286B	Annexin V-FITC	100 µL	250 µL	500 µL	2-8°C. Store in the dark.	5 µL/0.5-1.0×10 ⁵ cells
A1372286C	PI Staining Solution (PI)	100 µL	250 µL	500 µL	2-8°C. Store in the dark.	2 µL/0.5-1.0×10 ⁵ cells

Note: The recommended number of cells to stain per test is 0.5-1.0×10⁵ cells.

Instruction for use

1. Dilute 10× Binding Buffer to 1× using distilled water (1 mL 10× Binding Buffer + 9 mL ddH₂O).
2. Wash cells twice with cold PBS and then resuspend the desired amount of cells in Annexin V Binding Buffer at a concentration of 0.5-1.0×10⁶ cells/mL.
3. Add 5 µl of Annexin V-FITC and 2 µl PI to 100 µL of the cell suspension.
4. Gently vortex the cells and incubate for 10 min at RT (25°C) in the dark.
5. Add 100 µl of 1× Binding Buffer to each assay. Analyze by flow cytometry within 1 hr.

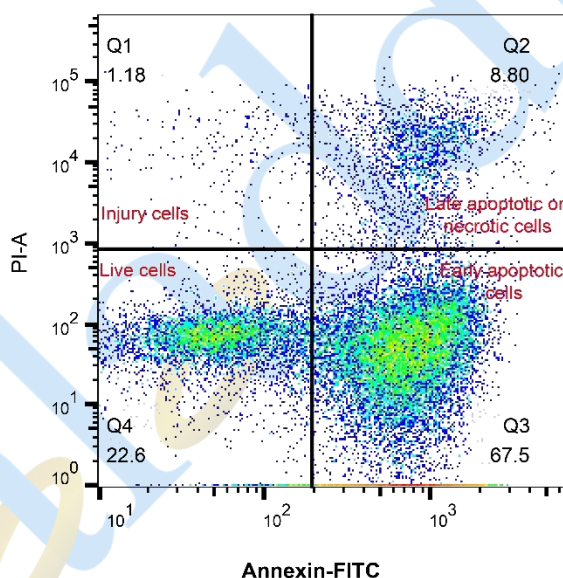


Fig. 2 Annexin-V Apoptosis Assay

Matters needing attention

1. Please try to avoid light when using to slow down the quenching of fluorescence.
2. Propidium Iodide Solution is toxigenic and mutagenic; handle with care.
3. Due to the calcium dependence of the Annexin V:PS interaction, it is critical to avoid buffers containing EDTA or other calcium chelators during Annexin V experiments.

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