

## Cell Meter™ IX830 fixable viability dye

Catalog number: 22529  
Unit size: 200 Tests

Component	Storage	Amount (Cat No. 22529)
Cell Meter™ IX830 fixable viability dye	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	200 tests

### OVERVIEW

Discrimination and exclusion of dead cells from live cells allows cleaner separation and identification of cell populations. Cell Meter™ fixable viability dyes are a large family of cell-impermeable fluorescent viability dyes that are optimized to match the major excitation lasers of common flow cytometers, such as 350, 405, 488, 633 and 647 nm. These dyes are impermeant to live cells but permeant to cells with compromised membranes. They irreversibly react with amine- and thiol-containing proteins and other cellular components. Since dead or fixed cells with a compromised membrane more readily react with Cell Meter™ fixable cell stains, thus stain brighter than live cells with an intact membrane, these dyes can be used to assess live vs. dead status of mammalian cells. There are a few factors to be considered when using these dyes, e.g., the titration of each dye to ensure that live cells have minimal to no staining. Cell Meter™ IX830 fixable cell stain is optimized to be excited with the IR laser at 808 nm with emission at 830 nm. Compared to other commercially similar viability dyes, this fixable viability dye is much more robust and stable.

### AT A GLANCE

#### Protocol summary

1. Prepare samples in HHBS buffer (0.5 mL/assay).
2. Add Cell Meter™ IX830 to the cell suspension.
3. Stain the cells at room temperature for 20 - 60 minutes.
4. Wash the cells.
5. Fix the cells (optional).
6. Examine the sample with flow cytometer using 780/50 nm filter (APC-Cy7 channel) and/or IR filters.

#### Important Note

Thaw at room temperature before starting the experiment.

### KEY PARAMETERS

#### Flow cytometer

Emission	780/50 nm or IR filters
Excitation	634 laser or IR lasers
Instrument specification(s)	APC/Cy7 or IR filters

### 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

#### Cell Meter™ IX830 stock solution (500X)

1. Add 200 µL of DMSO to the Cell Meter™ IX830 vial to make a 500X stock solution.

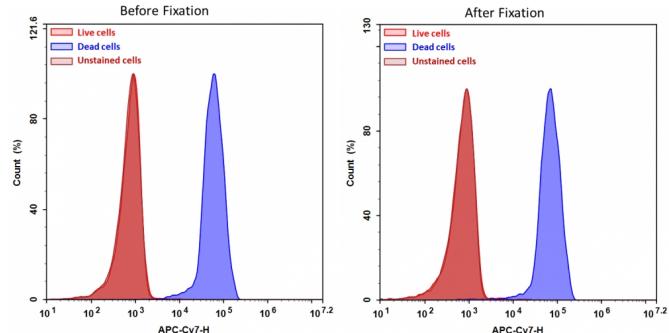
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### SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

1. Treat cells as desired.
2. Wash cells once with HHBS or the azide- and serum/protein-free buffer of your choice.
3. Resuspend cells at  $5 - 10 \times 10^6$ /mL in HHBS or in the azide- and serum/protein-free buffer of your choice.
4. Add 1 µL of 500X Cell Meter™ IX830 stock solution to 0.5 mL of cells/assay and mix it well.
5. Incubate at room temperature or 37°, 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 a flow cytometer using 780/50 nm filter (APC-Cy7 channel) or IR filters.

### EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES



**Figure 1.** Detection of Jurkat cell viability by Cell Meter™ fixable viability dye. Jurkat cells were treated and stained with Cell Meter™ IX830 (Cat#22529), and then fixed in 3.7% formaldehyde and analyzed by flow cytometry. The dead cell population (Blue peak) is easily distinguished from the live cell population (Red peak) with APC-Cy7 channel, and nearly identical results were obtained before and after fixation.

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