

Annexin V

recombinant Annexin V

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100µg in 100µl

Introduction: Apoptosis and necrosis are the two main forms of cell death. Apoptosis is mostly a physiological process and plays an essential role in the development and homeostasis of all multi-cellular organisms. Apoptosis can be induced by several stimuli like UV- and gamma-irradiation or DNA damaging substances. Apoptotic cells change the structure of their membrane, which leads to the exposure of phosphatidylserine (PS) on the membrane surface. Annexins are ubiquitous homologous proteins that bind phospholipids in the presence of calcium. Since the redistribution of phosphatidylserine from the internal to the external membrane surface represents an early indicator of apoptosis, Annexin V and its conjugates can be used for the detection of apoptosis because they interact strongly and specifically with exposed phosphatidylserine. Detection of apoptotic cells with Annexin V can be achieved earlier than analysis of apoptosis by DNA-based assays.

Description: Recombinant chicken Annexin V (AxV) for the detection of phosphatidylserine exposed in the membrane of apoptotic cells. There is a 85 % homology of recombinant chicken Annexin V to the human Annexin V and a 100 % identity in the phosphatidylserine binding sites. Annexin V-Biotin binding to PS is Ca²⁺ dependent.

Buffer/Additives/Preservative: PBS, pH 7.2, containing 0.09% sodium azide.

Storage: Store at +4°C.

Application: An early event in apoptosis is the flipping of phosphatidylserine of the plasma membrane from the inside surface to the outside surface. Annexin V binds specifically to phosphatidylserine and Biotin-conjugated Annexin V can be used as a fluorescent probe to label apoptotic cells. Binding of Annexin V to the exposed charged head groups of PS is a Ca²⁺ dependent process. Propidium Iodide is used in conjunction with Annexin V-Biotin. The cell membrane integrity excludes Propidium Iodide in viable and apoptotic cells, whereas necrotic cells are permeable to Propidium Iodide. Thus dual parameter FACS analysis allows for the discrimination between viable, apoptotic and necrotic cells.

References: Savill J, Fadok V, Henson P, Haslett C: Phagocyte recognition of cells undergoing apoptosis. *Immunol Today* 14:131, 1993; Reutelingsperger CP, van Heerde WL: Annexin V, the regulator of phosphatidylserine-catalyzed inflammation and coagulation during apoptosis. *Cell Mol Life Sci* 53: 527, 1997; DeFrancesco L: Dead Again: Adventures in Apoptosis. *The Scientist* 13:17, 1999

Warning: Sodium azide is harmful if swallowed (R22). Keep out of reach of children (S2). Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuff (S13). Wear suitable protective clothing (S36). If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label (S46). Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas (R32). Azide compounds should be flushed with large volumes of water during disposal to avoid deposits in lead or copper plumbing where explosive conditions can develop.

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