FT-25810A

# **Ethidium Homodimer-1**

- High-affinity nucleic acid stain that is weakly fluorescent until bound to DNA
- Staining dye for dsDNA, ssDNA, RNA, oligonucleotides, and triplex DNA

# **Product Description**

Name: Ethidium Homodimer-1

(EthD-1)

Catalog Number: FP-25810A, 1mg

FP-AT758A, 0,5 ml (2mM in DMSO)

Molecular Weight : MW = 856,77Structure :  $C_{46}H_{50}Cl_4N_8$ 

**Solubility:** DMSO, DMF, Methanol and water **Absorption / Emission :**  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} (\lambda_{\text{em}} \text{ (with DNA)} = 528/617 \text{ nm}$ 

 $\lambda_{abs}$  (H<sub>2</sub>O, no DNA) = 493 nm

EC  $(M^{-1} cm^{-1})$ :  $\geq 9.500 \pm 800$ 

**Storage:** -20°C Protect from light and moisture

### Introduction

The high-affinity nucleic acid stain, cell-impermeant viability indicator ethdium homodimer-1 (EthD-1) is weakly fluorescent until bound to DNA and emits red fluorescence (excitation/emission maxima ~528/617). An Ethidium homodimer assay can be used to detect dead or dying cells. Ethidium homodimer is a membrane-impermeable fluorescent dye which binds to DNA. After a cell sample has been stained with ethidium homodimer, the dead cells may be viewed and counted under a UV-light microscope. When cells die, the plasma membranes of those cells becomes disrupted. Because of this, ethidium homodimer may enter those cells and bind to DNA within those cells. Because live cells don't have a compromised membrane, the ethidium homodimer can't enter. One reason for doing an ethidium homodimer assay instead of using a TUNEL assay to measure cell death is that ethidium homodimer stains all of the dead or dying cells, while TUNEL only stains cells that have undergone programmed cell death.

# **Directions for use**

#### Cell attachment and viability (Khanna-Jain R., 2012)

- Incubate cells in Dulbecco's PBS-based dye solution, containing 0.5 μM of calcein AM (4 mmol/L) and 0.5 μM of ethidium homodimer-1 (EthD-1) (2 mmol/L) for 45 min at room temperature (RT).
- Replace the dye solution by fresh Dulbecco's PBS solution.
- Examine the viable cells (green fluorescence) and necrotic cells (red fluorescence) using a fluorescence microscope.

Other protocol may be found in the literature.

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## **Technical and scientific information**

### **Related products**

- Calcein AM, FP-895515
- Dulbecco's PBS 20X (Sterile), RJ226A
- Acridine homodimer, FP-WU5140
- Ethidium monoazide bromide, FP-48256A
- DAPI, Dihydrochloride, FP-371867
- Hexidium Iodide, FP-389151

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