

CFDA

Fluorescein derivatives for general use in pH measurements and cell viability measurements.

Product Information

Product name cat.number	Structure	MW (g·mol ⁻¹)	λ_{exc} / λ_{em} max. (nm)	mol. abs. (M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)	Soluble in
CFDA 5-(and-6)-carboxyfluorescein diacetate FP-33953A , 100 mg	<chem>C25H16O9</chem>	460.4	492 / 517 ^(a)	80 000	DMSO
5-CFDA 5-carboxyfluorescein diacetate FP-M1162A , 100 mg	<chem>C25H16O9</chem>	460.4	492 / 517	80 000	DMSO
6-CFDA 6-carboxyfluorescein diacetate FP-M1163A , 100 mg	<chem>C25H16O9</chem>	460.4	492 / 517	80 000	DMSO
5-CFDA, AM ester FP-91748A , 5 mg	<chem>C28H20O11</chem>	532.46	492 / 517	80 000	DMSO

(a) pH9.0, after hydrolysis

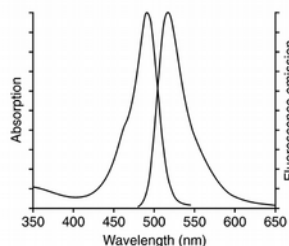
Storage: CFDA, 5-CFDA, 6-CFDA are stored at -20°C >1 year. (M)
CFDA, AM ester should be stored at +4°C (K)
Protect from light and moisture

Introduction

CFDA (carboxyfluorescein diacetate) contains extra negative charges and is therefore better retained in cells. It is mainly used as a mixture of 5- and 6- isomers for intracellular pH measurements, as both isomers exhibit essentially quite identical pH-dependent spectra with a pKa ~6.5.

CFDA and its AM ester are used for cell viability - including bacteria, fungi (e.g., *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*), spermatozoa, natural killer (NK) cells and tumor cells- apoptosis and cell adhesion monitoring.

CFDA, AM is membrane-permeant and thus can be loaded into cells via incubation. Once inside the cells, CFDA is hydrolyzed by intracellular esterases to carboxyfluorescein (FAM, FP-46641A). CFDA does not fluoresce until acetates hydrolyse, then its fluorescent properties are similar to fluorescein.



Absorption and emission spectra of carboxyfluorescein (FAM), final product of CFDA, at pH 9.

Directions for use

Handling and Storage

CFDA should be dissolved in DMSO (10-30mM) and should be stored at -20°C .

Guidelines for use – on mammalian cell staining

1. Prepare a stock solution of 20-30 mM CFDA in DMSO.
2. Wash mammalian cells with HBSS without Ca and Mg and concentrated to 10^7 cells per ml.
3. Stain with 10^7 cells per ml in 650 μM CFDA in HBSS. Incubate at $+37^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 15 min.
4. Stop the reaction by adding HBSS and washing (twice) by centrifugation at 400x g for 10 minutes at room temperature.

Guidelines for use – on yeast cell staining [o](#)

1. Prepare a stock solution of 20-30 mM CFDA in DMSO.
2. Wash cells, resuspend in buffer containing 100mM citric acid, 200 mM disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate, pH4
3. Add CFDA to a final concentration of 43 μM . Incubate cells at 40°C for 15 minutes, then place on ice until analysis.

Other protocol may found in the literature.

Related products

- CFDA-SE, [FP-52493A](#)
- FAM, carboxyfluorescein, [FP-46641A](#)

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