

ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit

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Table 1. Contents and storage

Material	Amount	Composition	Storage	Stability
ArC™ reactive beads (Component A)	5 mL (Cat. No. A10346) 1 mL (Cat. No. A10628)	8 × 10 ⁶ beads/mL in deionized water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2–6°C • DO NOT FREEZE 	When stored as directed, this kit is stable for at least 1 year.
ArC™ negative beads (Component B)	5 mL (Cat. No. A10346) 1 mL (Cat. No. A10628)	3 × 10 ⁶ beads/mL in deionized water containing 2 mM sodium azide and 0.05% Tween™ 20		
Number of assays: Sufficient material is supplied for 100 assays (Cat. No. A10346) or 20 assays (Cat. No. A10628) based on the protocol below.				

Introduction

The ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit provides a consistent, accurate and simple-to-use technique for the setting of flow cytometry compensation when using any of the LIVE/DEAD™ fixable dead cell stains, all amine-reactive dyes.

The LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Stain Kits use a novel method to evaluate the viability of mammalian cells by flow cytometry^{1–5}. These assays are based on the reaction of a fluorescent dye with cellular amines. The reactive dye can enter the compromised membranes of necrotic cells and react with free amines in the interior and on the surface of the cell, resulting in intense fluorescent staining. In contrast, only the cell-surface amines of viable cells are available to react with the dye, resulting in relatively dim staining. The difference in intensity between the live and dead cell populations is typically greater than 50-fold.

The ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit includes two types of specially modified polystyrene microspheres to allow easy compensation of the LIVE/DEAD™ fixable stains: the ArC™ reactive beads (Component A) which bind any of the amine-reactive dyes, and the ArC™ negative beads (Component B) which have no reactivity. After incubation with any amine-reactive dye, the two kit components provide distinct positive and negative populations of beads that you can use to set compensation. When combined with the AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit for use with fluorochrome-conjugated mouse, rat, hamster, or rabbit antibodies, this allows you to more consistently and accurately set compensation for multicolor immunophenotyping experiments which also incorporate a LIVE/DEAD™ fixable dead cell stain.

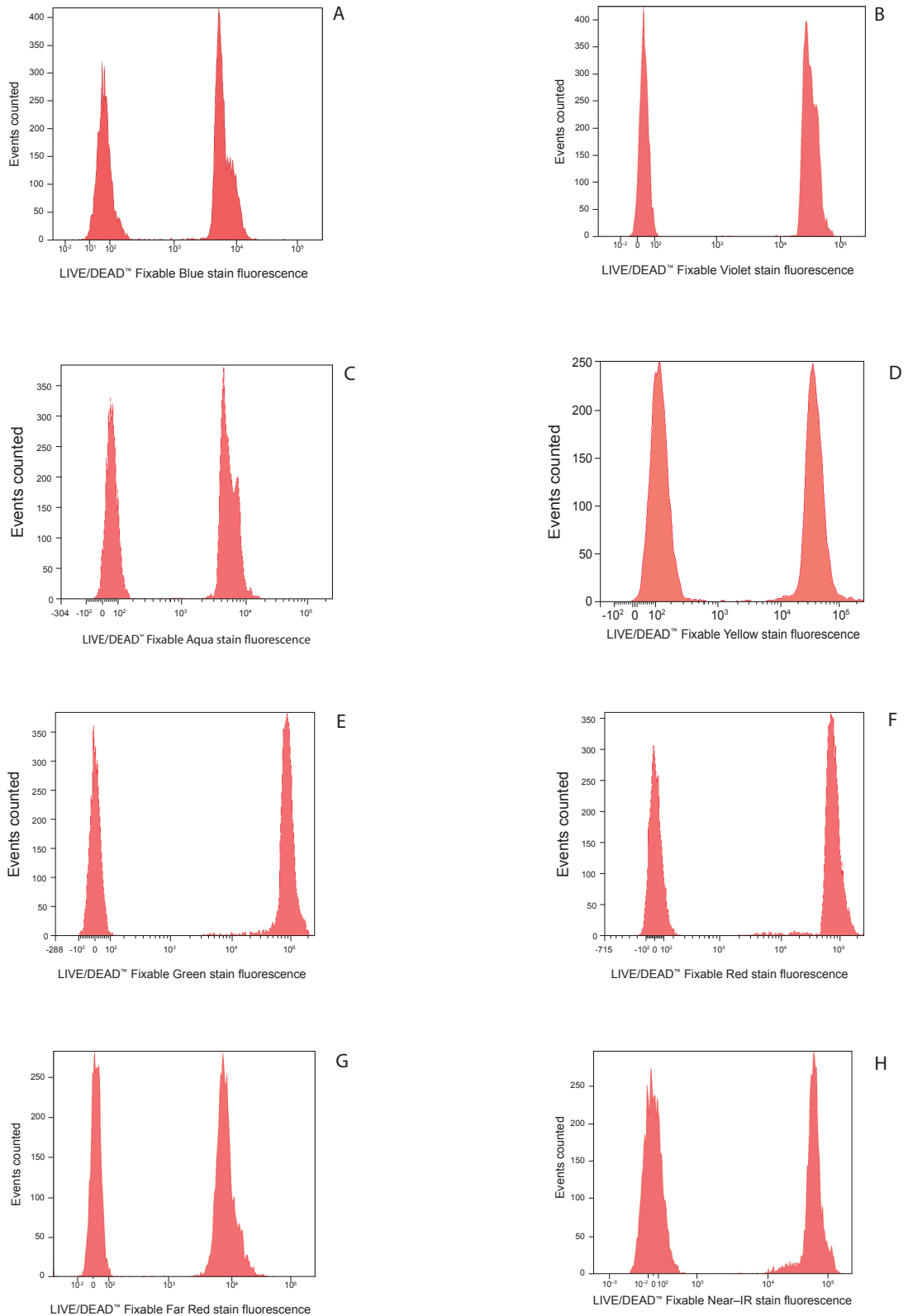


Figure 1. Staining profile of the ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit components with seven LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Stain Kits. **(A)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Blue dye stained beads were analyzed with UV excitation, emission was collected with a 450/50 nm bandpass filter. **(B)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Violet dye stained beads were analyzed with 405-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 450/50 nm bandpass filter. **(C)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Aqua dye stained beads were analyzed with 405-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 525/50 nm bandpass filter. **(D)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Yellow dye stained beads were analyzed with 405-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 575/26 bandpass filter. **(E)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Green dye stained beads were analyzed with 488-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 525/50 nm bandpass filter. **(F)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Red dye stained beads were analyzed with 488-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 610/20 nm bandpass filter. **(G)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Far Red dye stained beads were analyzed with 633-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 660/20 nm bandpass filter. **(H)** LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Near-IR dye stained beads were analyzed with 633-nm excitation, emission was collected with a 780/60 nm bandpass filter.

Before starting

Materials Required but Not Provided

- Buffers for staining (see below)
- LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Stain Kit
- *Optional:* AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit (if calculating compensation in multicolor immunophenotyping experiments using mouse antibodies)

Buffers for Staining

Buffers appropriate for staining ArC™ reactive beads and cells with a fluorescent amine-reactive dye include phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS), and Dulbecco's PBS, without extraneous proteins such as bovine serum albumin or serum.

When using an amine-reactive dye, for example the violet fluorescent reactive dye (Cat. No. L34955), avoid using Tris buffers and solutions containing sodium azide or extraneous protein for cell resuspension and washing.

Experimental protocols

Using ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit

- 1.1. Gently vortex ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit components for 30 seconds to completely resuspend before use.
- 1.2. Add 1 drop of ArC™ reactive beads (Component A) to a labeled sample tube.
- 1.3. Allow ArC™ reactive beads to sit in the tube for 5 minutes to warm to room temperature.
- 1.4. Prepare fluorescent amine-reactive dye according to instructions included in the LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Kit. For optimal performance of ArC™ reactive beads, always use freshly prepared amine-reactive dye. Do not use previously frozen dye solution.
- 1.5. Add amount of LIVE/DEAD™ fixable dead cell stain listed in Table 2 to the bead suspension and mix well. Make sure the amine-reactive dye is deposited directly to the bead suspension.

Table 2. Amount of amine-reactive LIVE/DEAD™ fixable dead cell stain for use with ArC™ reactive beads

Amine-reactive dye for use with ArC™ reactive beads	Amount
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Blue stain	3 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Violet stain	1 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Aqua stain	3 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Yellow stain	3 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Green stain	3 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Red stain	1 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Far Red stain	3 µL
LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Near-IR stain	1 µL

- 1.6. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature, **protected from light**.
- 1.7. Add 3 mL of PBS or other buffer to sample tube. Centrifuge at $300 \times g$ for 5 minutes.
- 1.8. Carefully remove all the supernatant from tube. If using the red fluorescent reactive dye (Cat. No. L23102), repeat step 1.7.
- 1.9. Resuspend the bead pellet by adding 0.5 mL of staining buffer to the sample tube.
- 1.10. Add one drop of ArC™ negative beads (Component B) to sample tube. Mix thoroughly.
- 1.11. Vortex tubes before analyzing using flow cytometry.
- 1.12. Perform manual or automatic compensation according to the preferred procedure for the flow cytometer in use. Gate on the bead singlet population based on FSC and SSC characteristics.

Combining ArC™ and AbC™ Kits

The AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kits (Cat. No. A10497, A10513) provide a consistent, accurate, and simple-to-use technique for the setting of flow cytometry compensation when using fluorochrome-conjugated mouse antibodies. The kits contain two types of specially modified polystyrene microspheres: the AbC™ Total Compensation Capture Beads (Component A) that bind all isotypes of mouse, rat, hamster, and rabbit immunoglobulin, and negative beads (Component B) that have no antibody binding capacity. After incubating with a fluorochrome-conjugated antibody, the two components provide distinct positive and negative populations of beads that you can use to set compensation.

You can use the AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit and the ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit together to calculate compensation in multicolor immunophenotyping experiments that incorporate a LIVE/DEAD™ fixable dye by following the protocol outlined below:

- 2.1. Gently vortex the ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit and the AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit components for 30 seconds to completely resuspend before use.
- 2.2. Label a sample tube for the amine-reactive dye you are using, and add 1 drop of ArC™ reactive beads (Component A) to the labeled sample tube. Allow ArC™ reactive beads to sit in the tube for 5 minutes to warm to room temperature.
- 2.3. Prepare fluorescent reactive dye according to kit instructions included in the LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Stain Kit. For optimal performance of ArC™ reactive beads, always use freshly prepared amine-reactive dye. Do not use previously frozen dye solution.
- 2.4. Add the amount of LIVE/DEAD™ fixable dead cell stain listed in Table 2 (page 3) to the bead suspension and mix well. Make sure to deposit the amine-reactive dye directly to the bead suspension.
- 2.5. Label another sample tube for each fluorochrome-conjugated antibody you are using, and add 1 drop of AbC™ Total Compensation Capture Beads (Component A in the AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit) to each tube.
- 2.6. Add a pre-titrated amount of antibody conjugate to the appropriate tube and mix well. Make sure to deposit the antibody directly to the bead suspension.
- 2.7. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature, **protected from light**.

- 2.8. Add 3 mL of PBS or other buffer to each sample tube. Centrifuge at $300 \times g$ for 5 minutes to collect beads.
- 2.9. Carefully remove all supernatant from each tube. If using the red fluorescent reactive dye (Cat. No. L23102), repeat step 2.8 for that tube.
- 2.10. Resuspend bead pellet by adding 0.5 mL of buffer to each sample tube.
- 2.11. Add one drop of negative beads (Component B in the AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit) to sample tube(s) containing the AbC™ Total Compensation Capture Beads.
- 2.12. Add one drop of ArC™ negative beads (Component B in the ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit) to sample tube(s) containing the ArC™ reactive beads.
- 2.13. Vortex tubes before analyzing using flow cytometry.
- 2.14. Perform manual or automatic compensation according to the preferred procedure for the flow cytometer in use. Gate on the bead singlet population based on FSC and SSC characteristics.

References

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2. J Virol doi:10.1128/JVI.01083 (2008);
3. Stem Cells 26, 1009 (2008);
4. Blood 111, 750 (2008);
5. Blood 111, 3155 (2008).

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Cat. No.	Product name	Unit size
A10346	ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit *for use with amine reactive dyes * *for flow cytometry compensation* *100 tests*	1 kit
A10628	ArC™ Amine Reactive Compensation Bead Kit *for use with amine reactive dyes * *for flow cytometry compensation* *20 tests*	1 kit
Related products		
A10497	AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit *for flow cytometry* *100 tests*	1 kit
A10513	AbC™ Total Antibody Compensation Bead Kit *for flow cytometry* *25 tests*	1 kit
L34961	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Blue Dead Cell Stain Kit *for UV excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L23105	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Blue Dead Cell Stain Kit *for UV excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34962	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Blue Dead Cell Stain Kit *for UV excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34963	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Violet Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L34955	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Violet Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34964	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Violet Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34965	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Aqua Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L34957	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Aqua Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34966	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Aqua Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34967	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Yellow Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L34959	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Yellow Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34968	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Yellow Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 405 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34969	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Green Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 488 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L23101	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Green Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 488 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34970	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Green Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 488 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34791	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Red Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 488 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L23102	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Red Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 488 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34972	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Red Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 488 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34973	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Far Red Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 633/635 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L10120	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Far Red Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 633/635 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34974	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Far Red Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 633/635 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34975	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Near-IR Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 633/635 nm excitation* *80 assays*	1 kit
L10119	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Near-IR Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 633/635 nm excitation* *200 assays*	1 kit
L34976	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Near-IR Dead Cell Stain Kit *for 633/635 nm excitation* *400 assays*	1 kit
L34960	LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Dead Cell Stain Sampler Kit *for flow cytometry* *320 assays*	1 kit
FB001	IC Fixation Buffer	100 mL
GAS001S-100	Fixation Medium - Bulk, (MEDIUM A), 1 × 100 mL Fixation Medium *for 1000 tests*	1000 tests
GAS002S-100	Permeabilization Medium - Bulk, (MEDIUM B), 1 × 100 mL Permeabilization Medium *for 1000 tests*	1000 tests
GAS-003	Fixation and Permeabilization, 1 × 5 mL *for 50 tests*	50 tests
GAS-004	Fixation and Permeabilization, 4 × 5 mL *for 200 tests*	200 tests
PB001	IC Permeabilization Buffer	.2 × 125 mL
10010-049	Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) 7.2 (1X), liquid	10 × 500 mL
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14040-117	Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (D-PBS) (1X), liquid *contains calcium and magnesium*	1,000 mL
14040-133	Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (D-PBS) (1X), liquid *contains calcium and magnesium*	500 mL
14040-141	Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (D-PBS) (1X), liquid *contains calcium and magnesium*	100 mL
14080-055	Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (D-PBS) (1X), liquid *contains calcium and magnesium, but no phenol red*	500 mL
14170-112	Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) (1X), liquid *contains no calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, or magnesium sulfate*	500 mL
14175-095	Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) (1X), liquid *contains no calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, magnesium sulfate, or phenol red*	500 mL
14287-072	Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (D-PBS) (1X), liquid *contains 1,000 mg/L D-glucose and 36 mg/L sodium pyruvate, calcium, and magnesium, but no phenol red*	1,000 mL
20012-050	Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) 7.4 (1X), liquid	10 × 500 mL
24020-117	Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) (1X), liquid *contains calcium and magnesium*	500 mL

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