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## 1. Description

**This product is for research use only.**

<b>Components</b>	<p><b>25 mL Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 1:</b> Four-fold concentrated stock solution for use with Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 2; containing a detergent.</p> <p><b>2×40 mL Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 2:</b> For the dilution of Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 1 prior to use.</p> <p><b>40 mL 10× Permeabilization Buffer:</b> Ten-fold stock solution for dilution prior to use; containing a detergent.</p>
<b>Capacity</b>	100 tests or up to 10 <sup>8</sup> total cells.
<b>Storage</b>	Store Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 1 and 2 protected from light at 2–8 °C. Do not freeze. Store 10× Permeabilization Buffer at room temperature. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

### 1.1 Background information

FoxP3, also known as FORKHEAD BOX P3, SCURFIN, and JM2, is a member of the forkhead/winged-helix family of transcriptional regulators. It is expressed predominantly in regulatory T cells (Tregs) and is a major regulator of Treg cell development and function.<sup>1–3</sup>

Mutations in the FoxP3 gene have been linked to the autoimmune manifestations observed in the Scurfy mouse and humans with immune dysregulation, polyendocrinopathy, enteropathy X-linked (IPEX) syndrome.<sup>4,5</sup> Studies in mice have shown that FoxP3-deficient animals lack Treg cells, whereas overexpression of the FoxP3 protein leads to profound immune suppression.<sup>3</sup>

The FoxP3 Staining Buffer Set has been developed specifically for use in conjunction with the Anti-FoxP3 antibodies. Failure to use the buffer set and/or different protocols will lead to different or even no results.

### 1.2 Applications

- Fixation and permeabilization of human, mouse, or non-human primate cells. Optimized for use with clone 3G3 and REA788 Anti-FoxP3 antibodies, human and mouse from Miltenyi Biotec.

For staining protocol refer to

[www.miltenyibiotec.com/goto/91a3469fd0fd](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com/goto/91a3469fd0fd)

## 2. FoxP3 Staining Buffer Set preparation

▲ Always prepare reagents freshly. Failure to do so may lead to sub-optimal results.

▲ The required total buffer volumes should be calculated beforehand; volumes will depend on the number of cells to be analyzed as well as the number of tests to be performed (for more information, please refer to the Anti-FoxP3 antibodies datasheet).

▲ Caution: The Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 1 contains formaldehyde. Formaldehyde is toxic and a suspected carcinogen; contact with eyes, skin, and mucous membranes should be avoided. Always wear proper protective clothing and gloves when handling the solution.

### Fixation and Permeabilization solution

To achieve the appropriate working concentration for safe fixation and permeabilization of cells, the Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 1 must be diluted 1:4 with the Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 2 (i.e. for 10<sup>6</sup> cells use 0.25 mL of Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 1 plus 0.75 mL of Fixation/Permeabilization Solution 2).

### Permeabilization Buffer

To achieve the appropriate working concentration for safe permeabilization of cells, the 10× Permeabilization Buffer must be diluted 1:10 with deionized or distilled water before use (i.e. 1 mL of 10× Permeabilization Buffer plus 9 mL of deionized/distilled water).

▲ **Note:** Before dilution make sure that buffer does not contain any precipitates.

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