# Technical Data Sheet

# **Cell Viability Solution**

### **Product Information**

**Material Number:** 555815 Size: 500 Tests 20 ul Vol. per Test:

Aqueous buffered solution containing fetal bovine serum and ≤0.09% sodium Storage Buffer:

#### Description

BD Via-Probe<sup>TM</sup> is a convenient, ready-to-use solution of the nucleic acid dye, 7-Amino-actinomycin D (7-AAD) that can be used in place of propidium iodide (PI) for the exclusion of nonviable cells in flow cytometric assays. The advantage of 7-AAD over PI is the ability to be used in conjunction with phycoerythrin (PE)- and fluorescein (FITC)-labeled monoclonal antibodies in 2-color analysis, with minimal spectral overlap between the 7-AAD, PE and FITC fluorescence emissions. BD Via-Probe<sup>TM</sup> fluorescence is detected in the far red range of the spectrum (650 nm long-pass filter). This reagent is used as a viability probe for methods of dead cell exclusion, based on light scatter and uptake of 7-AAD as detected in FL3. This reagent does not require dilution, use 20 μL/test (1x10^6 cells) and incubate for 10 minutes before analysis.

### **Preparation and Storage**

Store undiluted at 4°C and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze.

#### **Application Notes**

## Application

Flow cytometry Tested During Development

#### **Product Notices**

- This reagent has been pre-diluted for use at the recommended Volume per Test. We typically use 1 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells in a 100-µl experimental
- Source of all serum proteins is from USDA inspected abattoirs located in the United States.
- Caution: Sodium azide yields highly toxic hydrazoic acid under acidic conditions. Dilute azide compounds in running water before discarding to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive deposits in plumbing.
- Please refer to www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols for technical protocols.

#### References

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