

ANNEXIN V FITC

Apoptosis detection

Fluorochrome	Reference	Test
FITC	ANXVF-200T	200 test

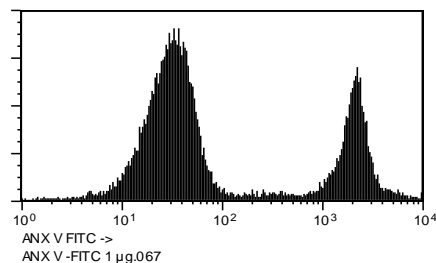
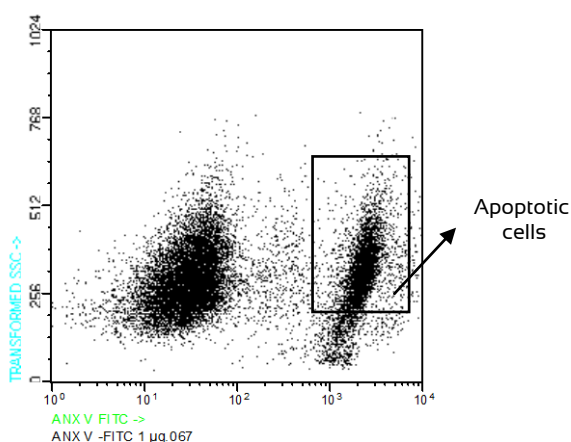


Figure 1. Jurkat cells (T-cell leukemia, human) treated with 6 µM camptothecin for four hours.

INTRODUCTION

Apoptosis is a regulated process of cell death that occurs during embryonic development as well as maintenance of tissue homeostasis. Inappropriately regulated apoptosis is implicated in different disease states, such as neurodegeneration disease and cancer. The apoptosis program is characterized by morphologic features, including loss of plasma membrane asymmetry and attachment, condensation of the cytoplasm and nucleus, and compaction and fragmentation of the nuclear chromatin. In normal viable cells, phospholipids are asymmetrically distributed between inner and outer leaflets of the plasma membrane with phosphatidylcholine and sphingomyelin exposed on the external leaflet of the lipid bilayer, and phosphatidylserine predominantly observed on the inner surface facing the cytosol.

Exposure of PS on the external surface of the cell membrane has been reported in apoptotic cells, this occurs in the early phases of apoptotic cell death during which the cell membrane remains intact. In leukocyte apoptosis, PS on the outer surface of the cell marks the cell for recognition and phagocytosis by macrophages. The human vascular anticoagulant, annexin V, is a 35-36 kDa Ca^{2+} dependent phospholipids binding protein that has a high affinity for PS, and shows minimal binding to phosphatidylcholine and sphingomyelin. Changes in PS asymmetry, which is analyzed by measuring annexin V binding to the cell membrane, were detected before morphological changes associated with apoptosis have occurred and before membrane integrity has been lost. Annexin V labelled with FITC (green fluorescence) can identify and quantitate apoptotic cells on a single-cell basis by flow cytometry.



MATERIALS

Annexin V-FITC, 200 tests, recommended for use in flow cytometry. The conjugate is provided in liquid form in buffer containing Antibody Stabilizer, PBS, Ph 7,2.

Fluorochrome: FITC (Abs/Em Max: 490/525 nm)

Reagent provided: 200 test (5µl/test)

1. RECOMMENDATIONS AND WARNINGS

- a) The reagents contain sodium azide. In acid conditions, it is transformed into hydrazoic acid, a highly toxic compound. Azide compounds must be diluted in running water before being discarded. These conditions are recommended so as to avoid deposits in plumbing, where explosive conditions could develop. The safety data sheet (SDS) is available online at www.immunostep.com
- b) Avoid microbial contamination of the reagent.
- c) Protect from light. Use dim light during handling, incubation with cells and prior to analysis.
- d) Never mouth pipette.
- e) In the case of contact with skin, wash in plenty of water.
- f) The samples should be handled in the same way as those capable of transmitting infection. Appropriate handling procedures should be guaranteed.
- g) Do not use after the expiry date indicated on the vial.
- h) Deviations from the recommended procedure could invalidate the analysis results.
- i) FOR *IN VITRO* DIAGNOSTIC USE.
- j) For professional use only.
- k) Before acquiring the samples, it is necessary to make sure that the flow cytometer is calibrated and compensated.

STAINING CELLS PROTOCOL WITH ANNEXIN V FITC

1. Prepare Annexin V Binding Buffer: 10 mM Hepes/NaOH (pH 7,4) 140 mM NaCl, 2,5 mM CaCl₂..
2. Induce apoptosis in cells using the desired method. A negative control should be prepared by untreated cells, that is used to define the basal level of apoptotic and necrotic or dead cells.
3. Harvest the cells after the apoptosis induction and wash in temperate phosphate-buffered saline (PBS).
4. Wash cells twice with temperate PBS and resuspend cells in 1 X Annexin-binding buffer at a concentration 1 x 10⁶ cells/ml.
5. Add 5 µl of the Annexin V-FITC to each 100 µl of cell suspension (up 1x10⁵ cells).
6. Incubate the cells at room temperature for 15 minutes in the dark.
7. After incubation period, add 400 µl of 1X Annexin-binding buffer. Analyze by flow cytometry within one hour.

PERFORMANCE TEST

Evaluation of the functioning with different inducing drugs of the apoptosis and in different cellular types:

A. Assay n°1

Cellular type: HL-60 (Human promyelocytic leukemia cells).

Drugs:

- Citarabina (AraC)
- Camptotecina.
- Etoposido (VP-19)
- Metotrex

Drugs	Cel. Apopt Media (%)	Cel. Apopt Max (%)	Cel. Apopt Min (%)	Typical Des.	n
AraC	27,59	31,62	25,74	2,16	6
Camptotecina	44,70	48,23	40,51	2,67	6
VP-19	38,99	44,47	34,51	3,25	6
Metotrexato	2,38	2,96	2,00	0,38	6
Not treated	1,36	1,62	1,16	0,23	2

B. Assay n°2

Cellular Type: Jurkat (Human T-cell lymphoblasts)

Drugs:

- Citarabina (AraC)
- Camptotecina.
- Etoposido (VP-19)
- Metotrexato

Drugs	Cel. Apopt Media (%)	Cel. Apopt Max (%)	Cel. Apopt Min (%)	Typical Des.	n
AraC	4,87	5,45	4,20	0,49	6
Camptotecina	25,62	27,95	23,88	1,81	25
VP-19	20,11	21,43	18,84	0,93	6
Metotrexato	2,18	2,82	1,80	0,34	6
Not treated	1,63	1,78	1,45	0,16	2

C. Assay n°3

Cellular type: U266 (Human myeloma cell line)

Drugs: Zalypsis[®] at different concentrations (5,10 y 50 nM) and incubation times (24, 48 hours).

Incubation time: 24 h

Concentration Zalypsis	%viable	%apoptotic	%necrotic	n
Basal	68,84	24,19	5,82	1
5 nM	36,59	52,86	10,13	1
10 nM	12,82	76,53	10,62	1
50 nM	16,92	72,77	10,14	1

Incubation time: 48h

Concentration Zalypsis	%viable	%apoptotic	%necrotic	n
Basal	77,17	16,41	2,86	1
5 nM	14,73	57,4	27,22	1
10 nM	6,34	62,08	30,21	1
50 nM	6,82	52,5	34,32	1

TROUBLESHOOTING

- Absence of Annexin V-FITC fluorescence: apoptosis was not induced in the cells.
- Elevated Annexin V-FITC stainability: apoptosis is an ongoing process so that cells stained with Annexin V should not be kept for prolonged times before measurement.
- Adherents cells may be released from their substrate by using trypsin. Trypsinized cells can be affected in the integrity of the plasma membrane⁵. On adherent cells a good idea is to remove supernatant with floating cells and replace media before adding drugs, or remove culture medium from cells, and immerse slide into cold (2-8 °C) 1X PBS.

- d. Target cells that have been stained with Conventional annexin V-FITC/PI kit and then fixed with 1% PFA or methanol; they can give a signal quenching. In this case, probably, you have used an excessive dilution of the Binding Buffer, the fixation method can be optimized by using the CaCl₂ in the 10X Binding Buffer to 25 mM (2,5 mM final concentration).

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