

DATASHEET

Propidium Iodide Staining Solution (1mg/ml) in water

Product overview

Name	Propidium Iodide Staining Solution (1mg/ml) in water
Cat No	HB0821
Alternative names	PI
Biological description	Propidium iodide (PI) is a widely used red-fluorescent intercalating agent that binds and labels nucleic acids. This is a 1mg/ml staining solution.

Propidium iodide is membrane impermeant and is therefore frequently used to selectively identify dead cells and is commonly used in flow cytometry to evaluate cell viability.

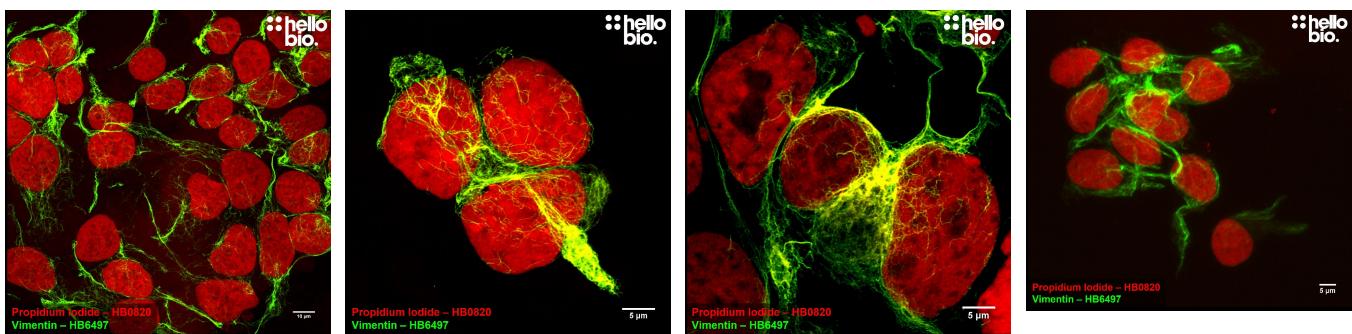
Propidium iodide (PI) is often used in flow cytometry, fluorescent microscopy and confocal laser scanning microscopy applications.

Frequently used with **Oxazole Yellow (YP1)** when staining for apoptotic and necrotic cells as apoptotic cells remain impermeant to propidium iodide but permeable to Oxazole Yellow (YP1).

Once bound to the nucleic acids, its fluorescence is enhanced 20- to 30-fold. Wavelength Maxima: Excitation ~535nm, Emission ~617nm

Biological action	Dyes & stains
Description	Red-fluorescent cell viability stain. 1mg/ml staining solution in water.

Images



Biological Data

Application notes

#Protocol 1: Propidium Iodide counterstaining of HEK293T cells

- HEK293T cells were cultured on coverslips in 10% FBS in DMEM and fixed with 4% PFA. Immunocytochemistry was performed following our **ICC protocol** using an anti-vimentin

monoclonal antibody at 1µg/ml.

- Prodidiium iodide working solution was prepared consisting of 1µg/ml Propidium Iodide and 10µg/ml RNase A and incubated with cells for 30 minutes at room temperature.
- Following washing with PBS, coverslips were mounted and imaged using a confocal microscope using either a 532nm or 514nm laser for excitation

Solubility & Handling

Storage instructions	+4°C
Handling	Protect from light.
Important	This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not intended for therapeutic or diagnostic use. Not for human or veterinary use

Chemical Data

Chemical name	2,7-Diamino-9-phenyl-10 (diethylaminopropyl)-phenanthridium iodide methiodide aqueous solution
Molecular Weight	668.39
Molecular Formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₄ I ₂ N ₄
CAS Number	25535-16-4
PubChem identifier	104981
SMILES	CC[N+](C)(CC)CCC[N+](C)=C2C=C(C=CC2=C3C=CC(=CC3=C1C4=CC=CC=C4)N)N.[I-].[I-]
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MDL number	MFCD00011921
Appearance	Red/pink solution
Excitation	535 nm
Emission	617 nm

References

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