Technical Data Sheet

Protein Transport Inhibitor (Containing Monensin)

**Product Information**

**Material Number:** 554724  
**Size:** 0.7 mL

**Description**

The ex vivo addition of BD GolgiStop™, a protein transport inhibitor containing monensin, to in vitro- or in vivo-stimulated lymphoid cells blocks their intracellular protein transport processes. This results in the accumulation of cytokines and/or proteins in the Golgi complex. The increased accumulation of cytokines in the cell enhances the detectability of cytokine-producing cells with flow cytometric analysis.

Investigators should note that the appearance of BD GolgiStop™ may range in color from clear (colorless) to a light yellow.

**Preparation and Storage**

Store undiluted at 4°C.

**Application Notes**

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| Intracellular staining (flow cytometry) | Routinely Tested |

**Recommended Assay Procedure:**

**Stimulation of Cells:** Various in vitro methods have been reported for stimulating cells to produce cytokines. Polyclonal activators have been particularly useful for inducing cytokine-producing cells. These activators include the following: concanavalin A, lipopolysaccharide, phorbol esters plus calcium ionophore or ionomycin, phytohaemagglutinin, staphylococcus, enteroxin B, and monoclonal antibodies directed against subunits of the TCR/CD3 complex (with or without antibodies directed against costimulatory receptors, such as CD28).

**Procedure for Using BD GolgiStop™:** Add 4 µl of BD GolgiStop™ for every 6 mL of cell culture (e.g., ~10^6 cells/mL) and mix thoroughly. Treatment of stimulated cells for 4 to 6 hours with BD GolgiStop™ significantly increases the ability to detect cytokine-producing cells by immunofluorescent staining. It is recommended that BD GolgiStop™ not be kept in cell culture for longer than 12 hours.

As an alternative to BD GolgiStop™, investigators may wish to use BD GolgiPlug™, a protein transport inhibitor containing brefeldin A (Cat. No. 555029). BD GolgiStop™ and BD GolgiPlug™ have been found to have differential effects on intracellular cytokine staining that is time, activator and cytokine dependent. These factors must be considered when carrying out intracellular staining.

**Danger:** BD GolgiStop™ Protein Transport Inhibitor, containing monensin (component 51-2092KZ) contains 99.61% ethanol (w/w) and 0.26% monensin, mononatriumsalz (w/w).

**Hazard statements:**  
Highly flammable liquid and vapor.  
Causes serious eye irritation.  
Harmful if swallowed.

**Precautionary statements:**  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces.  No smoking.  
Wear protective gloves / eye protection.  
Wear protective clothing.  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove / Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.  Rinse skin with water / shower.  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.  Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.  
Dispose of contents / container in accordance with local / regional / national / international regulations. Keep container tightly closed.

**Suggested Companion Products**

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Product Notices
1. Please refer to wwwbdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols for technical protocols.

References