

# BD Trucount™ Controls

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## 1. INTENDED USE

BD Trucount™ Controls are designed for use with BD Trucount™ Tubes and the BD FACSLytic™ flow cytometer as a control for the absolute counting process. Specifically, a control bead value that is outside the expected range could indicate an error in pipetting or a problem with the bead count value from the BD Trucount™ Tubes.

BD Trucount™ Controls can be used with the BD FACS™ Universal Loader.

## 2. SUMMARY OF THE TEST

BD Trucount™ Controls are fluorescent polystyrene beads supplied at three concentrations – low, medium, or high. BD FACSuite™ Clinical application calculates the absolute counts of the BD Trucount™ Control beads to confirm pipetting accuracy.

BD Trucount™ Controls are intended for use by laboratory professionals.

### Principle of Operation

A control bead suspension is added to anticoagulated whole blood in a BD Trucount™ Tube. The lyophilized bead pellet is suspended in the sample, releasing a known number of fluorescent BD Trucount™ beads, and acquired on a BD FACSLytic™ flow cytometer. BD FACSuite™ Clinical application calculates the absolute counts of the BD Trucount™ Control beads by comparing Trucount™ Control Bead events to Trucount™ Bead events.

## 3. REAGENT

### Reagent Composition

BD Trucount™ Controls contain beads with the following concentration ranges:

**Table 1** BD Trucount™ Controls concentration ranges

BD Trucount™ Controls	Concentration (beads/mL)
Low Control Beads (A)	$4.72 \times 10^4$ – $5.25 \times 10^4$
Medium Control Beads (B)	$2.351 \times 10^5$ – $2.635 \times 10^5$
High Control Beads (C)	$9.403 \times 10^5$ – $1.0539 \times 10^6$

## Precautions

- Calibrate pipets to deliver exactly 50 µL of sample or perform the reverse pipetting technique (see Reverse Pipetting on page 3). See the pipet manufacturer's instructions for more information.
- Bead count varies by lot of BD Trucount™ Tubes. It is critical to use the bead count shown on the current lot of BD Trucount™ Tubes when entering this value in the software. Do not mix multiple lots of BD Trucount™ Tubes in the same run.
- BD Trucount™ Controls are designed for use with a specific lyse/no-wash procedure. Do not attempt to threshold on forward scatter (FSC) for data collection.
- Go to [regdocs.bd.com/regdocs/sdsSearch](http://regdocs.bd.com/regdocs/sdsSearch) to download the Safety Data Sheet.

## Storage and Handling

Store at 2–8 °C. Reagent in opened or unopened vials is stable until the expiration date shown on the vial label. Do not use after this expiration date.

## 4. INSTRUMENT

The BD FACSLyric™ system is outlined in the following table. See the corresponding reagent or instrument user documentation for details.

**Table 2** BD FACSLyric™ system

Flow cytometer	Setup beads	Setup software	Analysis software
BD FACSLyric™	BD® CS&T Beads BD® FC Beads 7-Color Kit	BD FACSuite™ Clinical application	BD FACSuite™ Clinical application

The BD FACS™ Universal Loader can be used with this product.

## 5. SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

- Collect blood specimens aseptically by venipuncture into a BD Vacutainer® EDTA blood collection tube, or equivalent.<sup>1</sup>
- Store blood specimens at room temperature (20–25 °C).

**WARNING** All biological specimens and materials coming in contact with them are considered biohazards. Handle as if capable of transmitting infection<sup>2,3</sup> and dispose of with proper precautions in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Never pipette by mouth. Wear suitable protective clothing, eyewear, and gloves.

## 6. PROCEDURE

### Reagents and Materials

#### Reagents and materials provided

BD Trucount™ Controls come with two vials of each of the following:

- BD Trucount™ Low Control Beads (A)
- BD Trucount™ Medium Control Beads (B)
- BD Trucount™ High Control Beads (C)

Each vial of BD Trucount™ Controls is provided in 1.5 mL of buffered saline with <0.1% sodium azide, sufficient for 15 tests.

The lot-specific bead count value (beads/µL) and standard deviation (SD) for each concentration level is found on a label on the inside of the box.

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## Reagents and materials required but not provided

- BD Trucount™ Tubes (Catalog No. 663028)
- BD FACS™ Lysing Solution (Catalog No. 349202)

The lysing solution is provided as a 10X concentrate and it contains diethylene glycol and formaldehyde. See the *BD FACS™ Lysing Solution* instructions for use (IFU) for precautions and warnings.

- Vortex mixer
- Micropipettor with tips
- Bulk dispenser or pipettor (450 µL) for dispensing 1X BD FACS™ Lysing Solution
- (Optional) BD FACS™ Universal Loader

## Diluting BD FACS™ Lysing Solution

Dilute the 10X concentrate 1:10 with room temperature (20–25 °C) deionized water. The prepared solution is stable for 1 month when stored in a glass or high density polyethylene (HDPE) container at room temperature.

## Reverse Pipetting

Accurate pipetting is critical when using a BD Trucount™ Tube. Use the reverse pipetting technique to add the sample to a BD Trucount™ Tube. For reverse pipetting, depress the button to the second stop. Release the button to draw excess sample into the tip. Press the button to the first stop to expel a precise volume of sample, leaving excess sample in the tip.

## Preparing the Controls

1. Remove three BD Trucount™ Tubes from the foil pouch. Label the tubes Low, Medium, and High.  
**NOTE** Verify that the BD Trucount™ bead pellet is under the metal retainer at the bottom of the tube. If this is not the case, discard the BD Trucount™ Tube and replace it with another. Do not transfer beads to another tube.  
**NOTE** Use care to protect the tubes from direct light. Perform the procedure at room temperature (20–25 °C).
2. Gently vortex each control vial for 30 seconds and add 50 µL of the low control beads to the tube labeled Low, 50 µL of the medium control beads to the tube labeled Medium, and 50 µL of the high control beads to the tube labeled High.  
**NOTE** Do not add antibody reagent.
3. Pipette 50 µL of well-mixed, anticoagulated whole blood from a hematologically normal donor onto the side of the tube just above the retainer.
4. Add 450 µL of 1X BD FACS™ Lysing Solution to each tube.
5. Cap the tubes and vortex gently to mix.

The samples are now ready to be analyzed on the flow cytometer.

## Acquiring the Sample

Before you begin:

1. Ensure that Characterization QC (CQC) and lyse/no wash reference settings have not expired.
2. Add bead and reagent lots to library, if needed.  
See the *BD FACSLytic™ Clinical System Instructions For Use* for information.
3. Perform daily Performance QC (PQC) using BD® CS&T Beads.  
See the BD® CS&T Beads IFU and the *BD FACSLytic™ Clinical System Instructions For Use* for information.

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To run the assay:

1. Create a worklist.
  - Create a Trucount Control task.
2. Enter information in the worklist table.
  - Enter the lot ID for the BD Trucount™ Tube and the bead count, found on the pouch label, in the appropriate column (Trucount Lot ID and Beads Per Pellet, respectively).
3. Run the control tasks on the worklist.
4. Vortex each tube thoroughly at low speed immediately before acquiring it.<sup>4</sup>

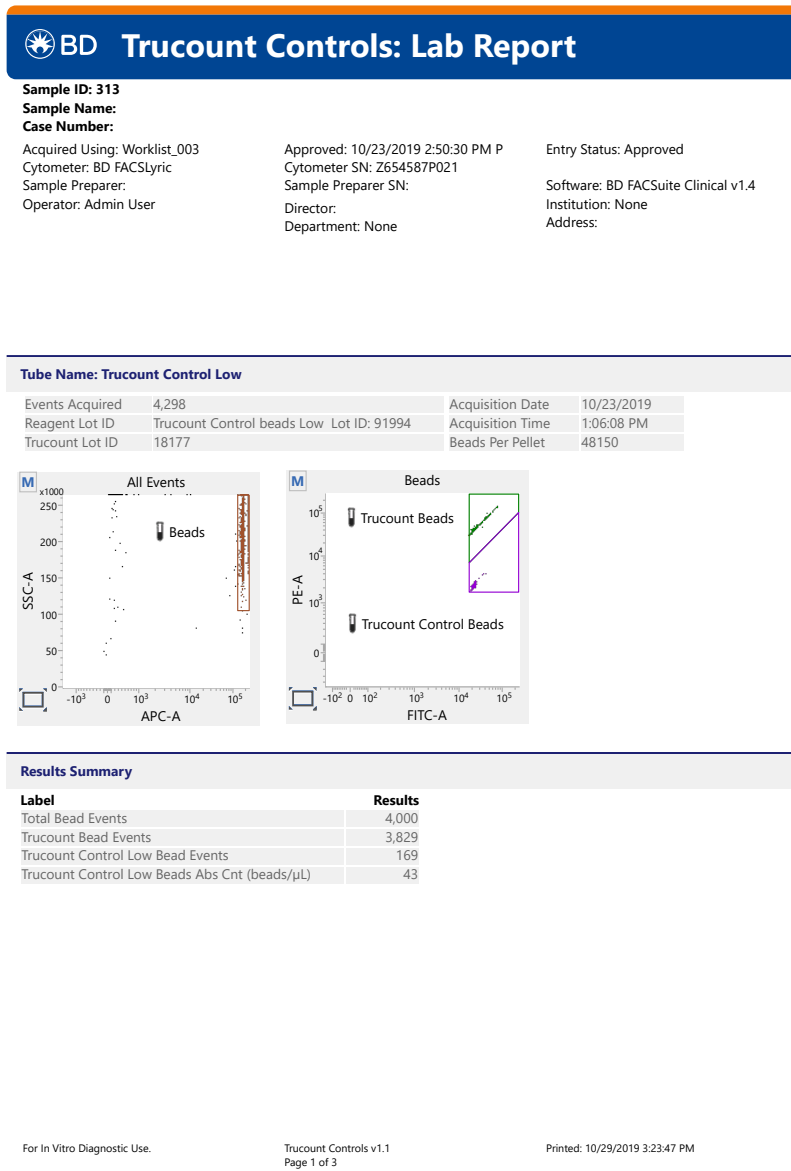
**NOTE** If you are using the BD FACS™ Universal Loader, vortex tubes immediately before placing them into the Loader racks.
5. After acquiring the control samples, click **Stop Tube**.
6. Review the lab report for the controls.

## 7. RESULTS

### Representative Data

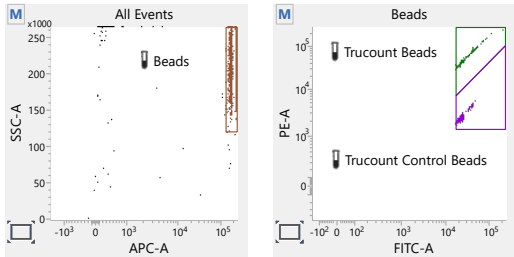
The lab report for BD Trucount™ Controls is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 BD Trucount™ Controls Lab Report



Sample ID: 313  
Sample Name:  
Case Number:  
Acquired Using: Worklist\_003  
Assay: Trucount Controls

Tube Name: Trucount Control Medium			
Events Acquired	4,274	Acquisition Date	10/23/2019
Reagent Lot ID	Trucount Control beads Medium Lot ID: 91995	Acquisition Time	1:07:56 PM
Trucount Lot ID	18177	Beads Per Pellet	48150

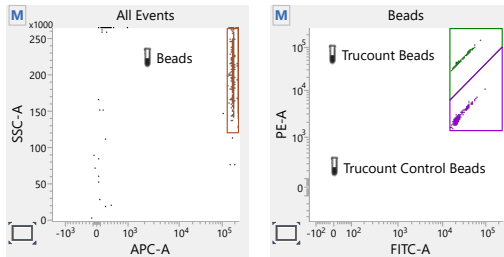


Results Summary	
Label	Results
Total Bead Events	4,000
Trucount Bead Events	3,186
Trucount Control Medium Bead Events	811
Trucount Control Medium Bead Abs Cnt (beads/ $\mu$ L)	245

**Sample ID: 313**  
**Sample Name:**  
**Case Number:**  
 Acquired Using: Worklist\_003  
 Assay: Trucount Controls

**Tube Name: Trucount Control High**

Events Acquired	4,127	Acquisition Date	10/23/2019
Reagent Lot ID	Trucount Control beads High Lot ID: 91996	Acquisition Time	1:09:16 PM
Trucount Lot ID	18177	Beads Per Pellet	48150



**Results Summary**

Label	Results
Total Bead Events	4,000
Trucount Bead Events	1,946
Trucount Control High Bead Events	2,054
Trucount Control High Bead Abs Cnt (beads/ $\mu$ L)	1,016

**QC Messages**

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## Calculating Absolute Counts

BD FACSuite™ Clinical application automatically calculates absolute counts using the following equation:

$A = B/C \times D/E$  where:

A = absolute count of Trucount™ Control Beads

B = number of events in the Trucount™ Control Beads region

C = number of events in the Trucount™ Beads region

D = number of beads per test (found on the BD Trucount™ Tubes foil pouch label — it varies from lot to lot)

E = test sample volume (50  $\mu$ L)

The number of events in the Trucount™ Control Beads region, the number of events in the Trucount™ Beads region, and the absolute count of the Trucount™ Control Beads are shown in the results summary on the lab report.

## 8. LIMITATIONS

- BD Trucount™ Controls are not intended for use as a cellular process control.

## 9. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

### Precision

System performance of the BD FACSLytic™ flow cytometer with BD Trucount™ Controls was evaluated in 4 separate 20-replicate runs prepared from 1 of 3 donors, by 1 of 3 operators, using 1 of 4 lots of BD Trucount™ Controls (Low, Medium, or High), and acquired on 1 of 4 BD FACSLytic™ flow cytometers. The mean bead count for each lot is compared to the expected count printed on the box label to determine accuracy, and the standard deviation (SD) of each level is evaluated for precision. The mean, mean %bias, and SD results for each lot of control beads are shown in the following table.

**Table 3** Control bead absolute counts vs expected counts

Level	Lot No.	N, reps	Mean (beads/μL)	Mean %Bias	SD
Low	1	20	50.5	3.06	7.8
	2	20	52.1	4.10	8.1
	3	20	54.4	6.67	8.2
	4	20	51.7	7.71	7.7
Medium	1	20	260.3	5.81	21.4
	2	20	260.0	1.54	22.2
	3	20	259.4	1.73	22.2
	4	20	256.6	4.71	21.3
High	1	20	1,002.3	2.17	63.8
	2	20	1,054.1	2.44	66.9
	3	20	1,050.9	2.53	66.6
	4	20	1,029.8	4.87	63.9



## 10. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Absolute count is incorrect	Bead count from a different lot of BD Trucount™ Tubes was used.	Confirm the lot number and bead count for the BD Trucount™ Tubes. Repeat staining in a new tube.
	Cell concentration is abnormal.	Stain a fresh specimen.
	The bead pellet was not under the metal retainer in the bottom of the tube.	Stain a fresh specimen after confirming that the bead pellet is intact under the metal retainer.
Few or no cells	The metal retainer blocks the aspiration tube when using the BD FACS™ Universal Loader.	Troubleshoot the cytometer.

## REFERENCES

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4. Jackson AL, Warner NL. Preparation, staining, and analysis by flow cytometry of peripheral blood leukocytes. In: Rose NR, Friedman H, Fahey JL, eds. *Manual of Clinical Laboratory Immunology*. 3rd ed. Washington, DC: American Society for Microbiology; 1986:226-235.

## NOTICE

EU Only: Users shall report any serious incident related to the device to the Manufacturer and National Competent Authority.

Outside EU: Contact your local BD representative for any incident or inquiry related to this device.

Refer to the Eudamed website: <https://ec.europa.eu/tools/eudamed> for Summary of Safety and Performance.

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## HISTORY

Revision	Date	Changes made
23-3537(09)	2023-01	Updated to meet requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/746.
23-3537(10)	2023-07	Updated legal manufacturer address. Added EU and Swiss importer addresses and importer symbol. Updated symbols glossary.

## Symbols Glossary

Please refer to product labeling for applicable symbols.

Symbol	Meaning
	Manufacturer
	Authorized representative in the European Community
	Authorised representative in Switzerland
	Date of manufacture
	Use-by date
	Batch code
	Catalogue number
	Serial number
	Sterile
	Sterilized using aseptic processing techniques
	Sterilized using ethylene oxide
	Sterilized using irradiation
	Sterilized using steam or dry heat
	Do not resterilize
	Non-sterile
	Do not use if package is damaged and consult <i>instructions for use</i>
	Sterile fluid path
	Sterile fluid path (ethylene oxide)
	Sterile fluid path (irradiation)
	Fragile, handle with care
	Keep away from sunlight
	Keep dry
	Lower limit of temperature
	Upper limit of temperature
	Temperature limit
	Humidity limitation
	Biological risks
	Do not re-use
	Consult <i>instructions for use</i> or consult <i>electronic instructions for use</i>
	Caution
	Contains or presence of natural rubber latex
	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Negative control
	Positive control
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests
	For IVD performance evaluation only
	Non-pyrogenic
	Patient number
	This way up
	Do not stack

Symbol	Meaning
	Single sterile barrier system
	Contains or presence of phthalate: combination of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) and benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)
	Collect separately Indicates separate collection for waste of electrical and electronic equipment required.
	CE marking; Signifies European technical conformity
	Device for near-patient testing
	Device for self-testing
	This only applies to US: "Caution: Federal Law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed practitioner."
	Country of manufacture "CC" shall be replaced by either the two letter or the three letter country code.
	Collection time
	Cut
	Peel here
	Collection date
	Keep away from light
	Hydrogen gas is generated
	Perforation
	Start panel sequence number
	End panel sequence number
	Internal sequence number
	<Box #> / <Total Boxes>
	Medical device
	Contains hazardous substances
	Ukrainian conformity mark
	Meets FCC requirements per 21 CFR Part 15
	UL product certification for US and Canada
	Unique device identifier
	Importer
	Place patient label in framed area only
	Magnetic resonance (MR) safe
	Magnetic resonance (MR) conditional
	Magnetic resonance (MR) unsafe
	For use with
	This Product Contains Dry Natural Rubber
	For Export Only
	Instruments

Note: Text layout in symbols is determined by label design.

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