Flow cytometry membrane staining protocol summary

Ice cold sample containing 1x10^6–1x10^6 cells per 100 µL.

Wash four times with PBS 0.2% Tween 20, centrifuge at 400 g for 5 min.

Block with 5% serum or BSA for 15–30 min.

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Incubate with 0.1–10 µg/mL fluorochrome-conjugated primary antibody for 15–45 min at 4°C in the dark.

Fix (optional): Add 100 µL fixative (e.g. 4% PFA) to each tube and incubate for 15 min at 4°C.

Wash four times with PBS 0.2% Tween 20, centrifuge at 400 g for 5 min.

Resuspend in ice cold PBS, 10% FCS, 1% sodium azide to a final volume of 0.5–1 mL. Store at 4°C until analysis (within 24 hr).

Run and analyze on flow cytometer.