

Critical Role of Flow Cytometry in Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Laboratories

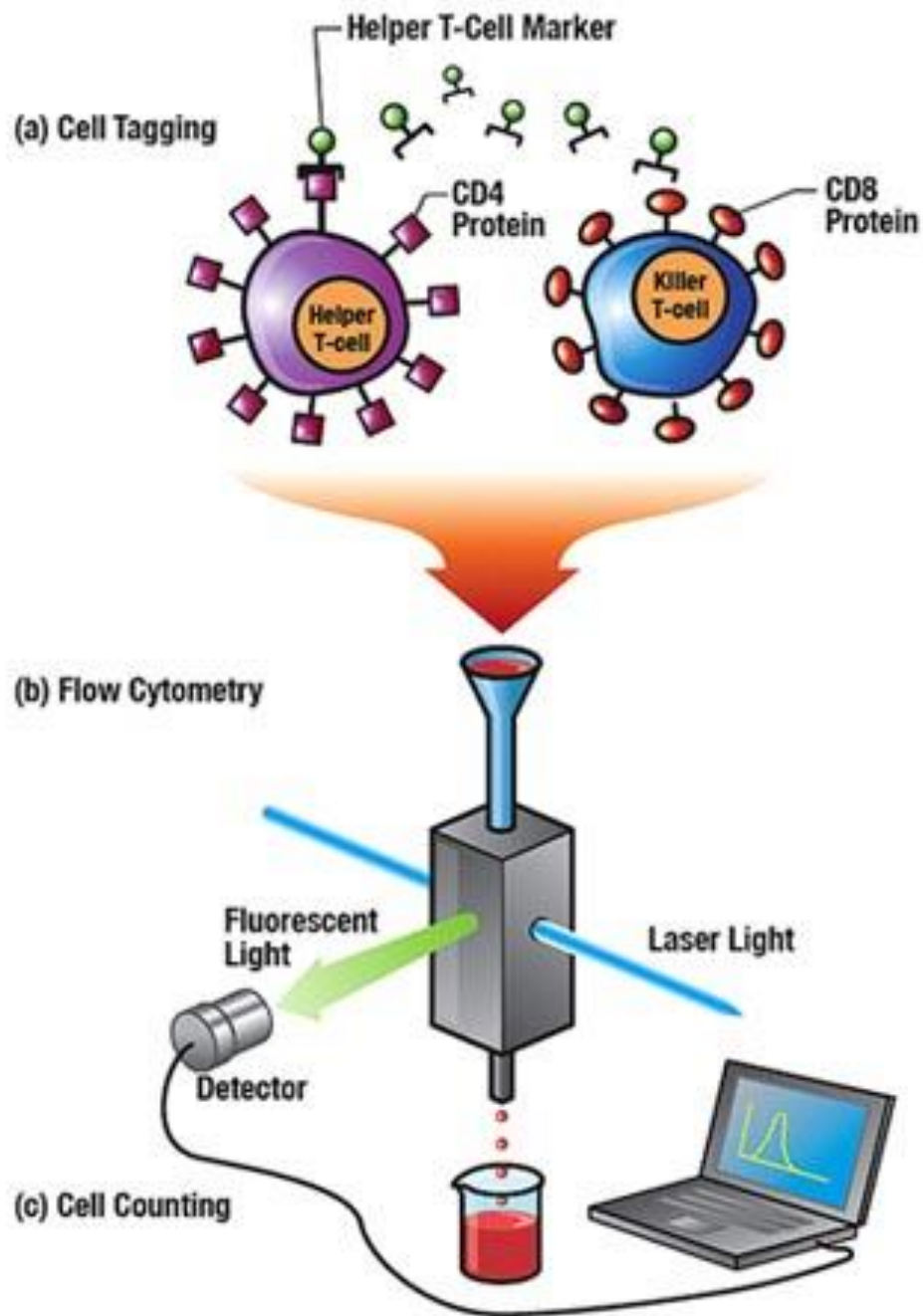
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Applications in Flow Cytometry

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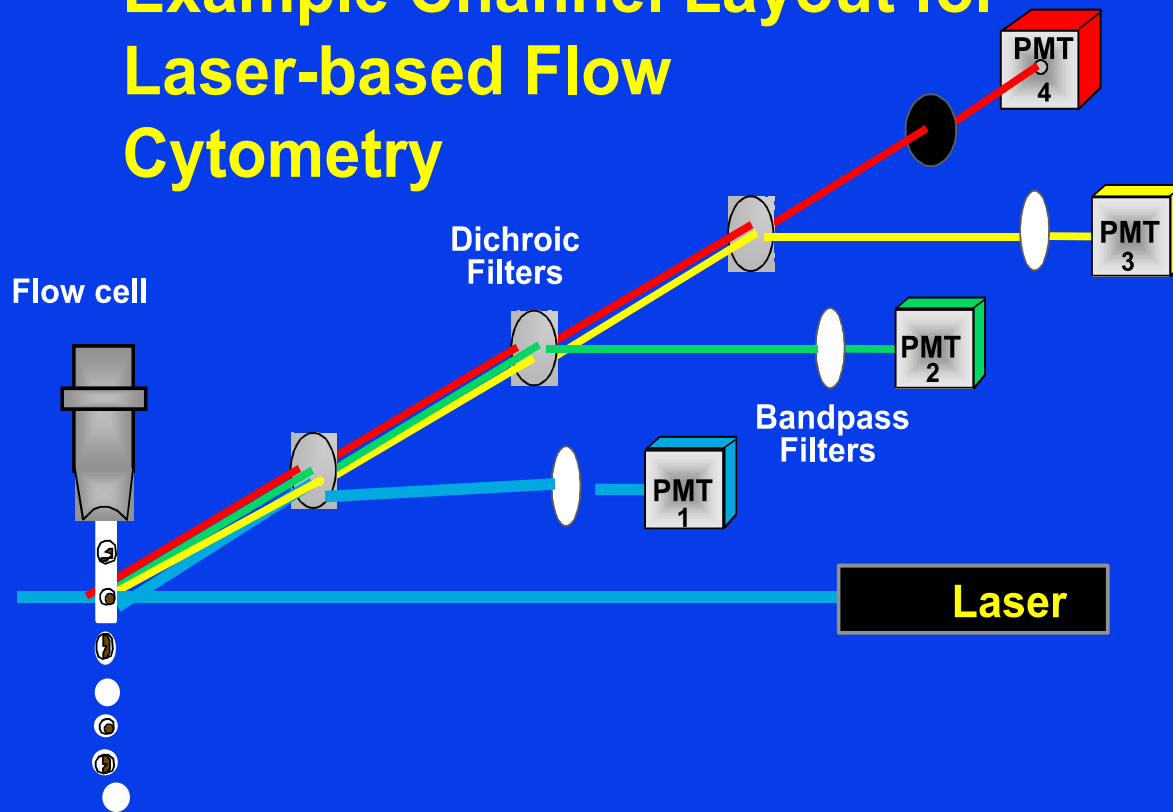


Basics of a Flow Cytometer:

An automated
Fluorescence
Microscope

FLOW CYTOMETRY - 101

Example Channel Layout for Laser-based Flow Cytometry



original from Purdue University Cytometry Laboratories; modified by R.F. Murphy

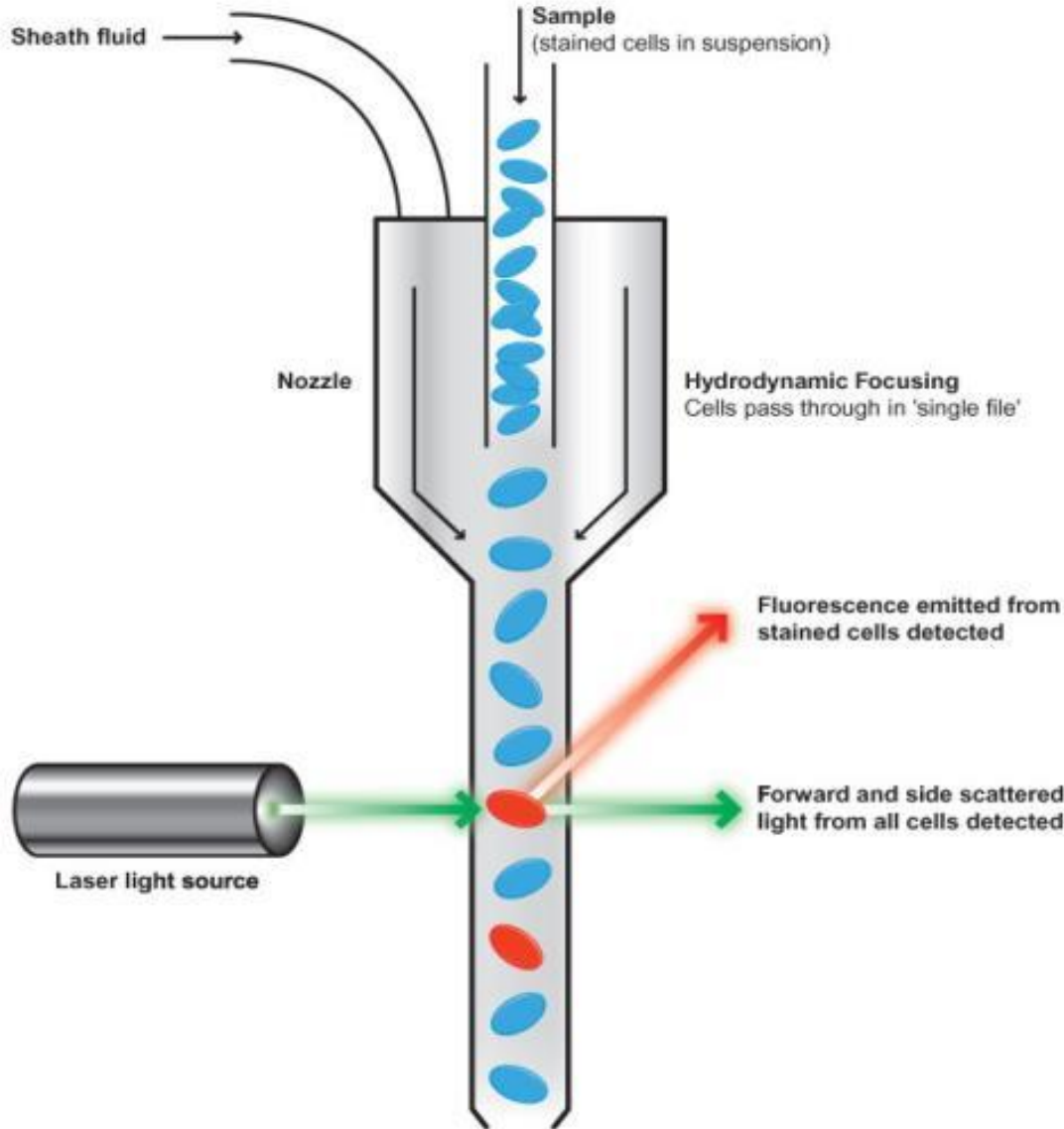
FLOW CYTOMETRY:

The measurement of cells in a flow system that has been designed to deliver particles (cells) in single file past a point of measurement

A Flow Cytometer consists of a light source (laser), a lens system to focus the light, a flow cell, optical components to direct light to the detectors, electronic components to convert the light signals and a computer to analyse the data.

FLOW Cytometry - 101:

The Flow Cell and Hydrodynamic Focusing



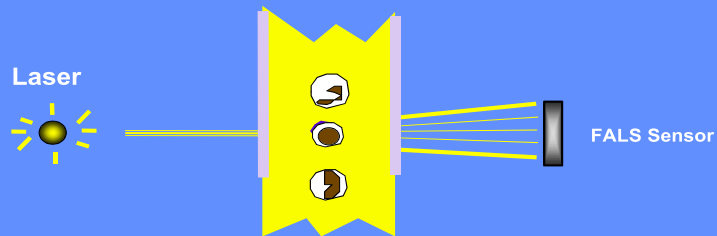
Cytometer measures
A. light scatter

and

B. fluorescence
emissions

What is Light Scatter?

Forward Angle Light Scatter



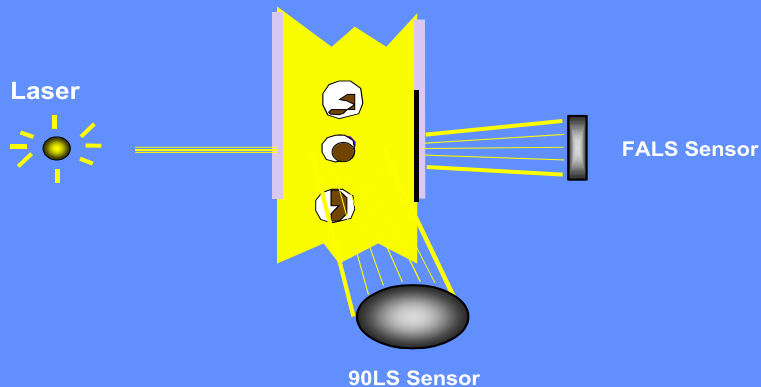
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As the cells move through the flow cell past the laser, cells cause the laser light to be “scattered”

Light scattered at 0° angle is called Forward Scatter (FSC / FALS).

FSC is related to the size of the cells

90 Degree Light Scatter



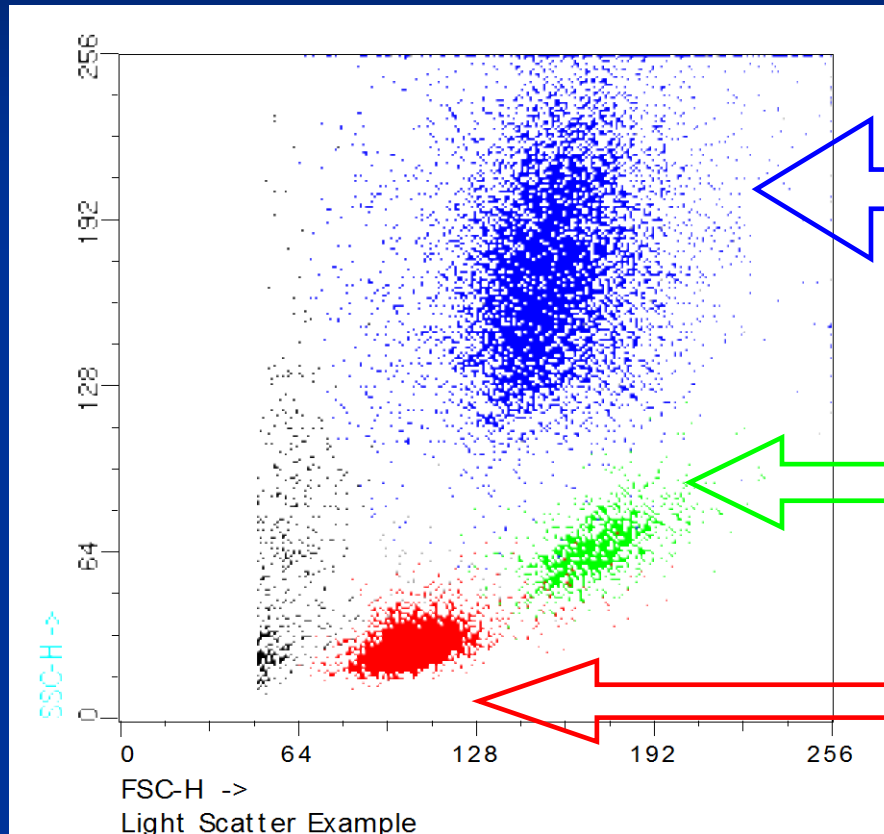
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Light Scattered at 90° angle is called Side Scatter (SSC / RALS).

SSC is related to the complexity of the cells i.e. cytoplasmic granularity, vacuoles, indented/lobulated nucleus

Light scatter plot

Increase in Complexity



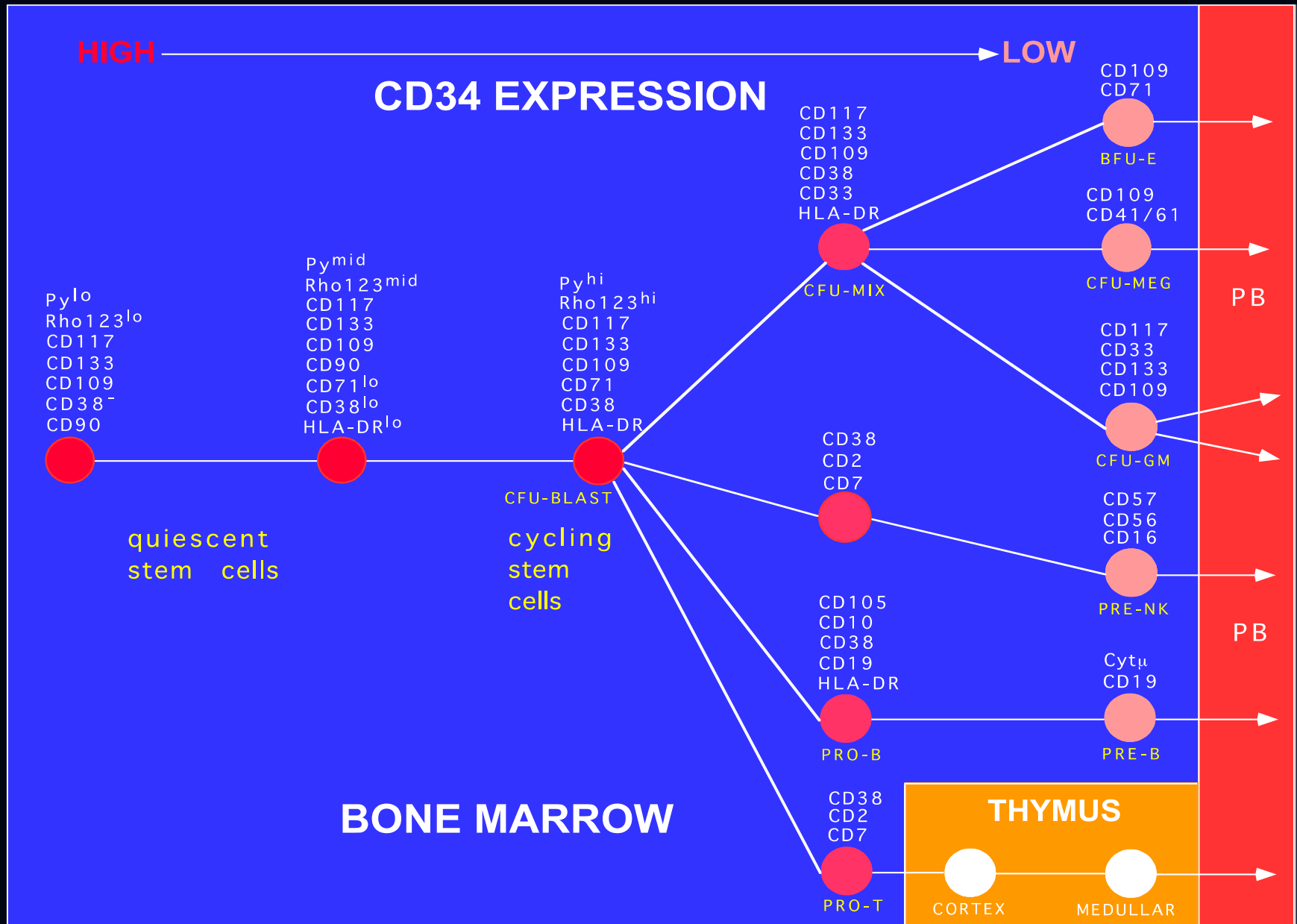
Granulocytes
+++ size
+++ complexity

Monocytes
++ size
++ complexity

Lymphocytes
+ size
+ complexity

Increase in 'Size'

The role of CD34+ cells in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation



Sources of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Bone Marrow Transplantation

BONE MARROW

Thomas et al, 1957

PERIPHERAL BLOOD (PB)

McCreadie et al, 1971, Korbling et al, 1980

CHEMOTHERAPY-MOBILIZED PB

Juttner et al, 1985, Reiffers et al, Korbling et al, Kessinger et al, 1986

CYTOKINE MOBILIZED PB

Siena et al, 1989, Chao et al, 1993

CORD BLOOD

Christenson et al, 1987, Gluckman et al, Broxmeyer et al, 1989

Counting CD34+ cells provides critical information to the Transplant Physician

Number of CD34+ cells in peripheral blood after mobilization with cytokines and/or chemotherapy predicts 'yield' of CD34+ cells in apheresis product

AND:

Number of CD34+ cells collected predicts time to engraftment after autologous or allogeneic HSC transplantation

BUT:

The use of mobilized peripheral blood for HSCT initially evolved without a consensus means to assess the engraftment potential of the HSC product

New Assay Design: Gather Scientific Knowledge

What Flow Cytometric methods are available?

What is the science behind them?

What is the basis of antibody and/or antibody-conjugate selection?

What are the requirements of the assay?

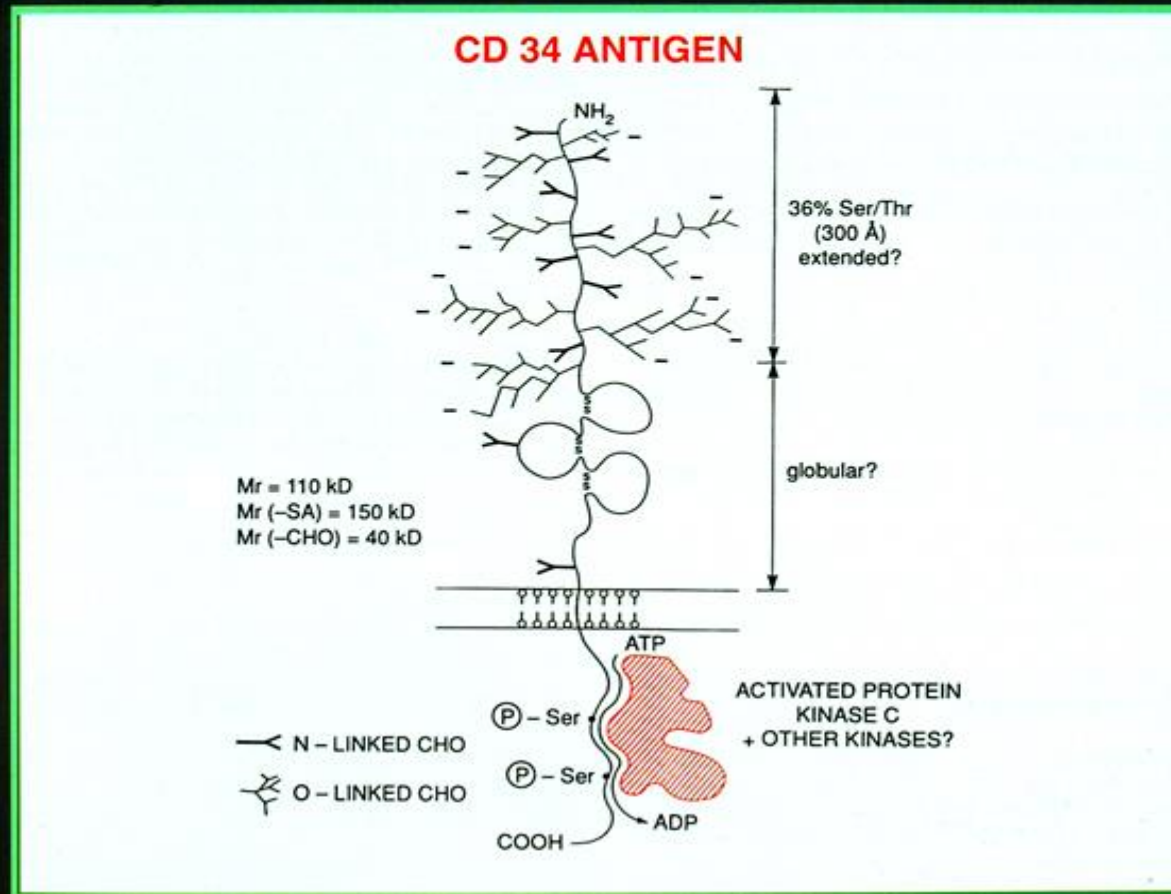
- Simple methodology
- Suitable for all sources of HSCs (BM, mPB, CB etc)
- Suitable for all Flow Cytometers with 4 or more

PMTs

- Rapid
- Accurate at level of clinical decision-making
(10 cells/ μ L)

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CD34 is a highly
O-glycosylated
cell-surface
molecule

CD34 Antibodies: Epitope Considerations

Not all CD34 monoclonal antibodies detect all
Glycoforms of CD34 Antigen!!

CD34 Epitopes:

CLASS I (MY10, B1.3C5, 12.8, ICH3)

- neuraminidase and O-sialo-glycoprotease sensitive

CLASS II (QBEnd10, 9C5, 11.A.10)

- O-sialo-glycoprotease sensitive

CLASS III (TUK3, 8G12, 581)

- Insensitive to both enzymes

Sutherland DR et al. Differential sensitivity of CD34 epitopes to cleavage by *Pasteurella haemolytica* glycoprotease: implications for purification of CD34-positive progenitor cells. *Exp Hematol* 20: 590-599, 1992.

Greaves MF, et al and Sutherland DR.

Report on the CD34 cluster workshop. In: *Leukocyte Typing V; Proceedings of the Vth HLDA Workshop* (Schlossman S., et al eds.) Oxford University Press, Oxford pp 840-846, 1995.

CD34 Antibodies: Conjugate Considerations

- Class I antibodies fail to detect all glycoforms of CD34
- Class I antibodies conjugated with negatively-charged fluorochromes e.g. FITC lose binding efficiency
- Class II antibodies detect all glycoforms of CD34
- Class II antibodies conjugated with negatively-charged fluorochromes e.g. FITC lose binding efficiency
- Class III antibodies detect all glycoforms of CD34
- Class III antibodies still fully functional regardless of conjugated form

Sutherland DR, Anderson L, Keeney M, Nayar R, Chin-Yee I. The ISHAGE Guidelines for CD34+ Cell Determination by Flow Cytometry. *J Hematother* 3:213-226, 1996.

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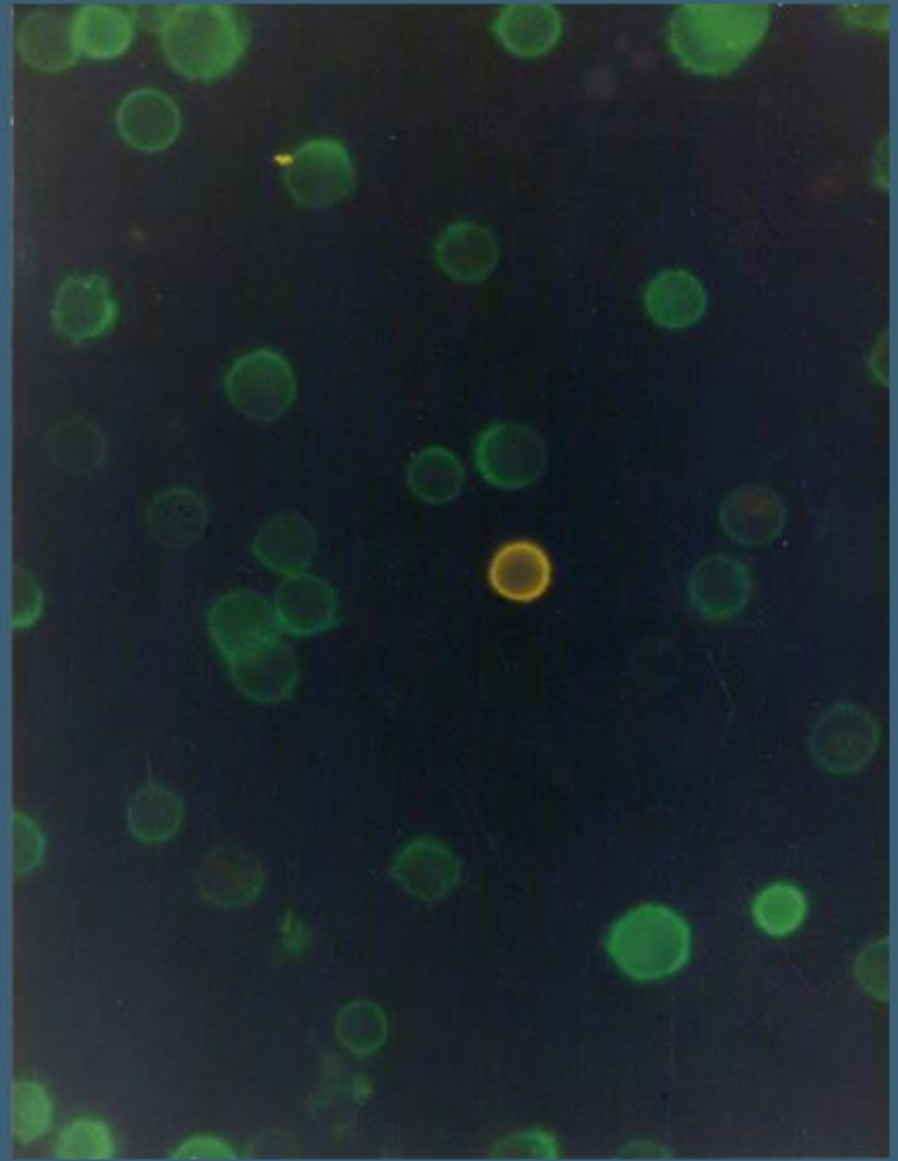
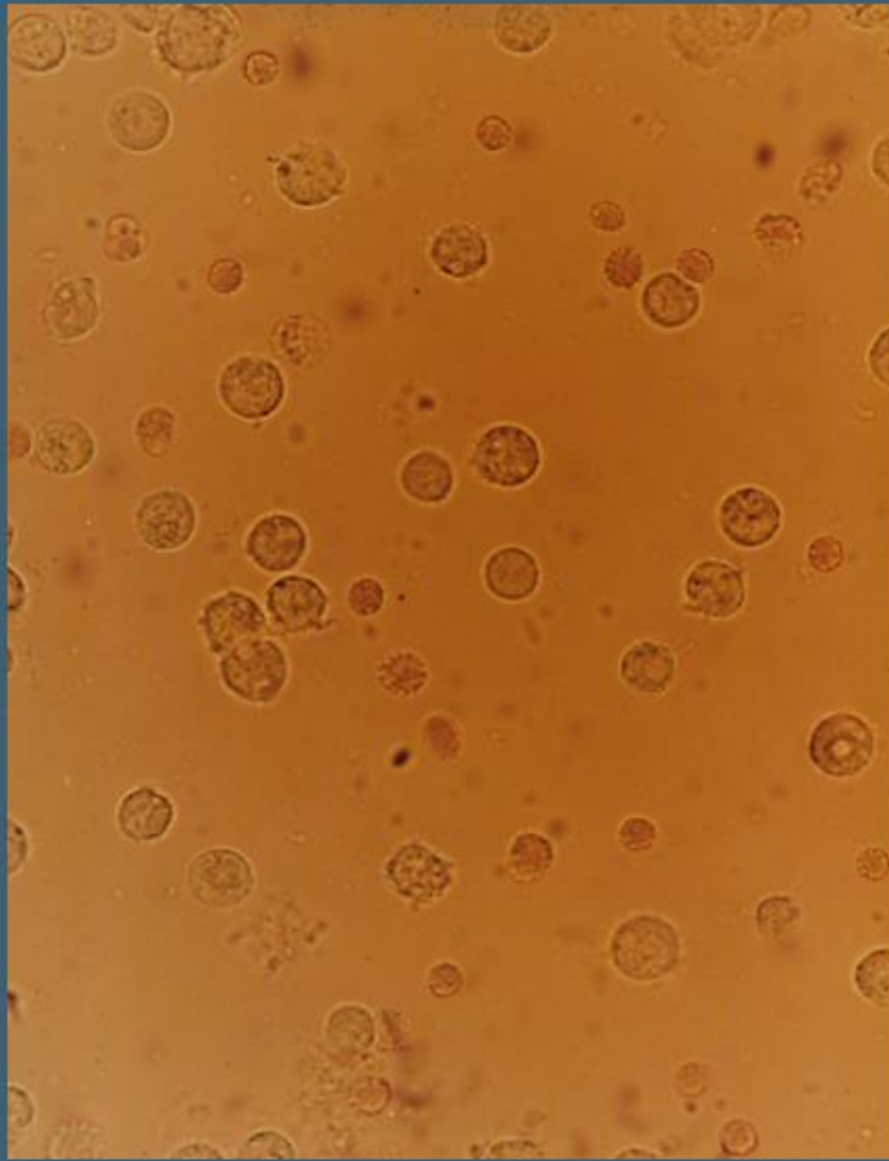
Use of CD45 allows a more reliable denominator to calculate '%CD34+'

CD45 Antibodies: Clone and Conjugate Considerations

- Need to use a 'Pan-CD45' clone;
NOT CD45RO, NOT CD45RA, NOT CD45RB
- At least 1 Pan-CD45 clone, IOL1-B (Beckman Coulter) detects a sialic acid-dependent epitope
- So we need to use a Pan-CD45 epitope that also detects ALL glycoforms of CD45

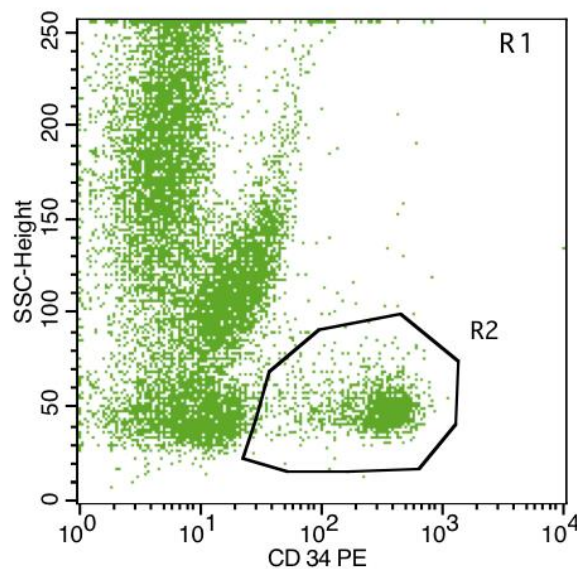
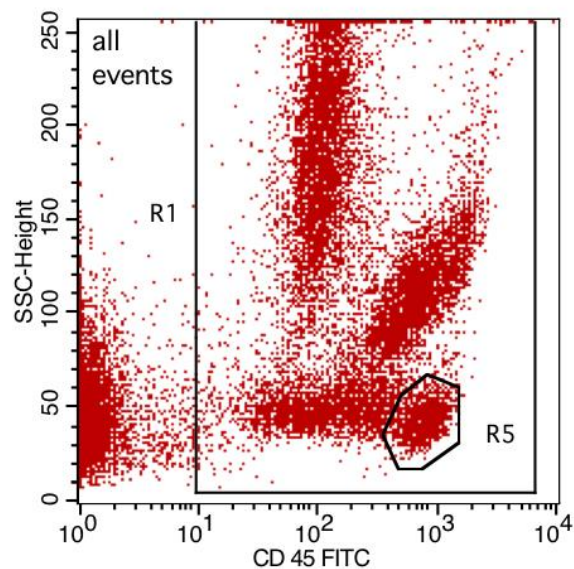
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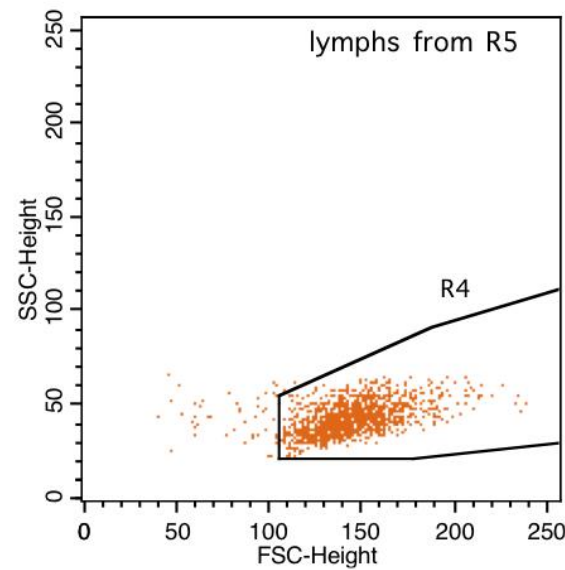
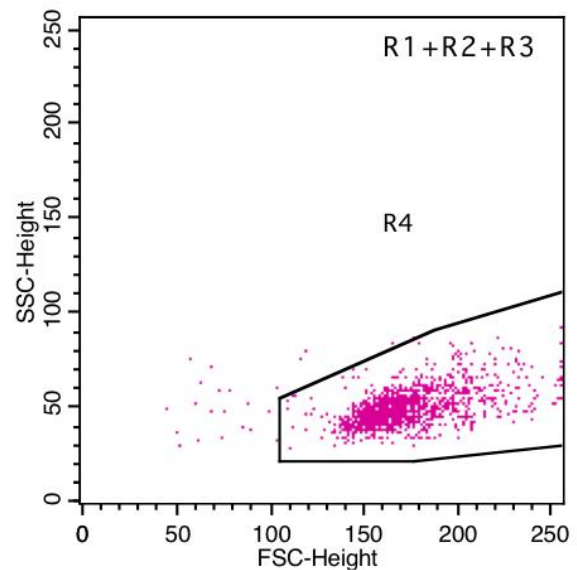
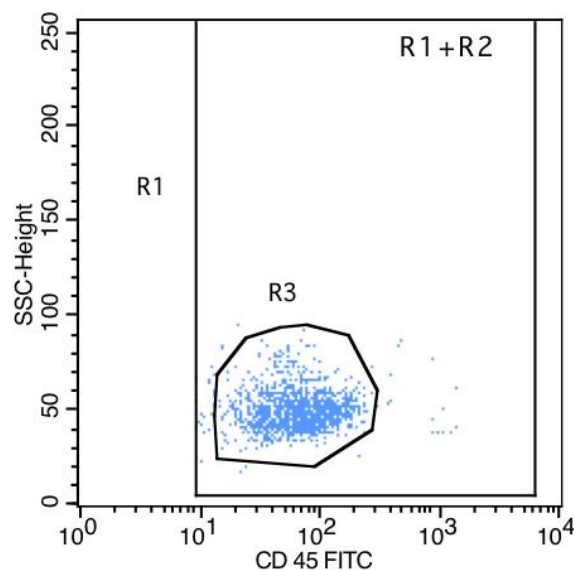
‘pan’ CD45FITC + Class III CD34PE to detect CD34+ cells by microscopy

PBSC:CD34/CD45 & Boolean gating 1993



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Gated Events: 15433
Total Events: 30000

| Gate | Events | % Gated | % Total |
|------|--------|---------|---------|
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| G3 | 1549 | 10.04 | 5.16 |
| G4 | 1527 | 9.89 | 5.09 |



Experimental Hematology

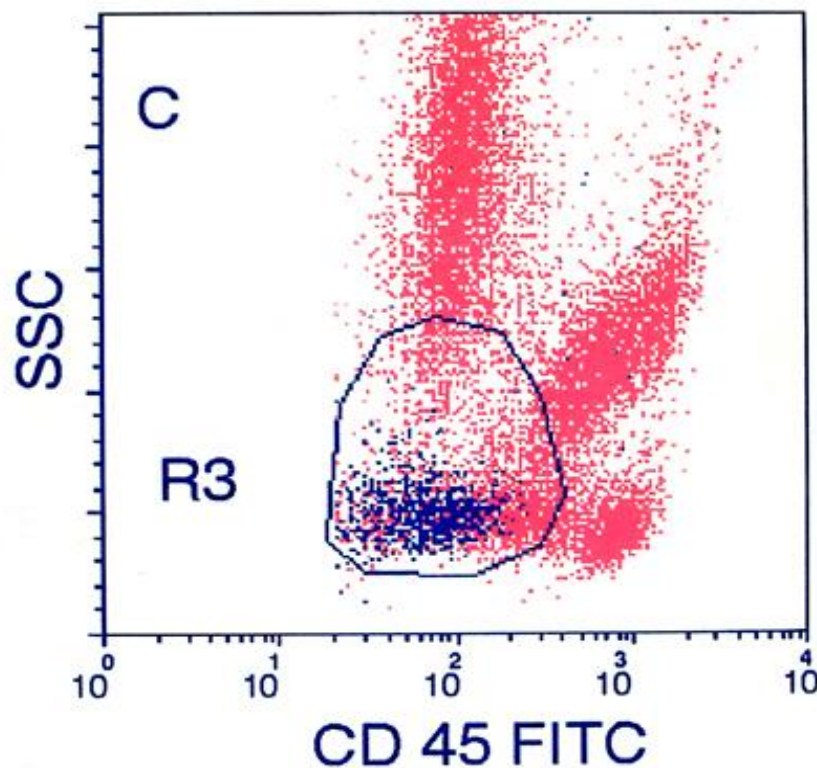
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CD45 vs. side-scatter analysis

Sensitive detection and enumeration of CD34+ cells in peripheral and cord blood by flow cytometry.

Sutherland DR, Keating A, Nayar R, Anania S, and Stewart AK.

Experimental Hematology 22:1003-1010, 1994.

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!!

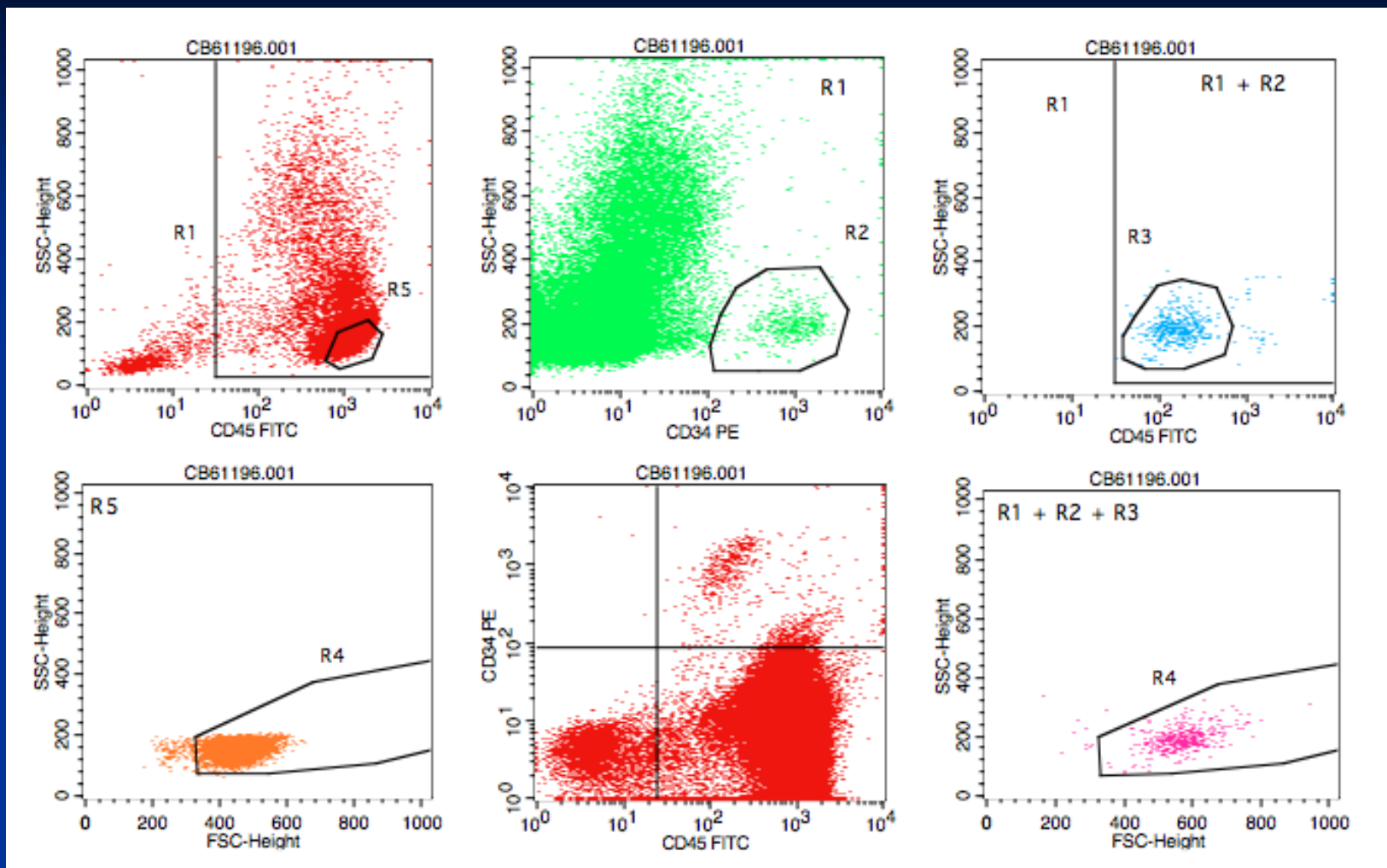
The ISHAGE Guidelines for CD34+ Cell Determination by Flow Cytometry

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ABSTRACT

The increased use of Peripheral Blood Stem Cells (PBSC) to reconstitute hematopoiesis in autotransplant and, more recently, allograft settings has not been associated with a consensus means to quality control the PBSC product. Since the small population of cells that bear the CD34 antigen are thought to be responsible for multilineage engraftment, graft assessment by flow cytometric quantitation of CD34+ cells should provide a rapid, reliable, and reproducible assay. Unfortunately, although a number of flow cytometric assays for CD34 enumeration have been described, the lack of a standardized method has led to the generation of widely divergent data. Furthermore, none of these assays has been validated as to interlaboratory reproducibility and suitability for widespread clinical application. In early 1995, the International Society of Hematotherapy and Graft Engineering (ISHAGE) established a Stem Cell Enumeration Committee, the mandate of which was to validate a simple, rapid, and sensitive flow cytometric method to quantitate CD34+ cells in peripheral blood and apheresis products. We also sought to establish its utility on a variety of flow cytometers in clinical laboratories and its reproducibility between transplant centers. Here, we describe the four-parameter flow methodology adopted by ISHAGE for validation in a multicenter study in North America.

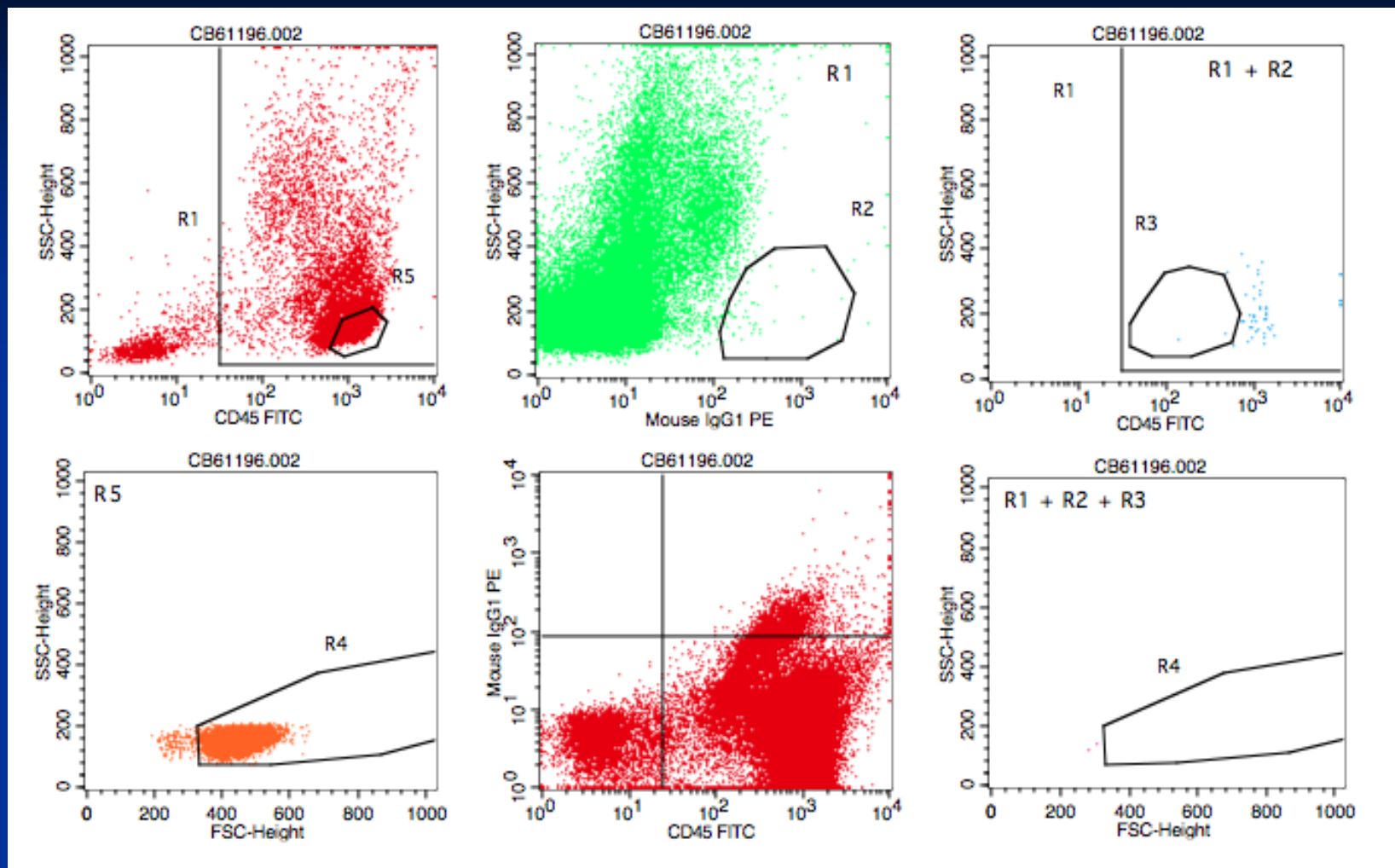
ISHAGE Guidelines 1996: Dual Platform



Fresh Cord Blood sample CD45/CD34

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ISHAGE Guidelines 1996: Dual Platform



CD45FITC/IgG1 PE: Isotype controls Useless!

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Dual Platform (DP) to Single Platform (SP) and other Refinements (1998)

Eliminated redundant isotype control

Added a fluorescent counting beads to make the method single platform

Added a viability dye (7-AAD)

Single platform absolute counting of viable CD34+ cells in 45 minutes

Original Articles

Single Platform Flow Cytometric Absolute CD34+ Cell Counts Based on the ISHAGE Guidelines

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In concert with the International Society of Hematotherapy and Graft Engineering (ISHAGE), we previously described a set of guidelines for detection of CD34+ cells based on a four-parameter flow cytometry method (CD45 FITC/CD34 PE staining, side and forward angle light scatter). With this procedure, an absolute CD34+ count is generated by incorporating the leukocyte count from an automated hematology analyser (two-platform method). In the present study, we modified the basic ISHAGE method with the addition of a known number of Flow-Count[®] fluorospheres. To reduce errors inherent to sample washing/centrifugation, we implemented ammonium chloride lyse, no-wash no-fix sample processing. These modifications convert the basic protocol into a single-platform method to determine the absolute CD34 count directly from a flow cytometer and form the basis of the Stem-Kit from Coulter/Immunotech. A total of 72 samples of peripheral blood, apheresis packs, and cord blood were analysed and compared using the ISHAGE protocol with or without the addition of fluorescent microspheres. Comparison of methods showed a high correlation coefficient ($r = 0.99$), with no statistically significant difference or bias between methods ($P > 0.05$). Linearity of the absolute counting method generated an R^2 value of 1.00 over the range of 0–250/ μ l. Precision of the absolute counting method measured at three concentrations of CD34+-stabilised KG1a cells (Stem-Trol, COULTER[®]) generated a coefficient of variation (C.V.) ranging from 4% to 9.9%. In a further modification of the single-platform method, the viability dye 7-amino actinomycin D was included and demonstrated that both viable and nonviable CD34+ cells could be identified and quantitated. Together, these modifications combine the accuracy and sensitivity of the original ISHAGE method with the ability to produce an absolute count of viable CD34+ cells. It is the accurate determination of this value that is most clinically relevant in the transplant setting. These modifications may improve the interlaboratory reproducibility of CD34 determinations due to the reduction in sample handling and calculation of results. *Cytometry (Comm. Clin. Cytometry)* 34:61–70, 1998. © 1998 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

Single Platform (SP) ISHAGE Protocol

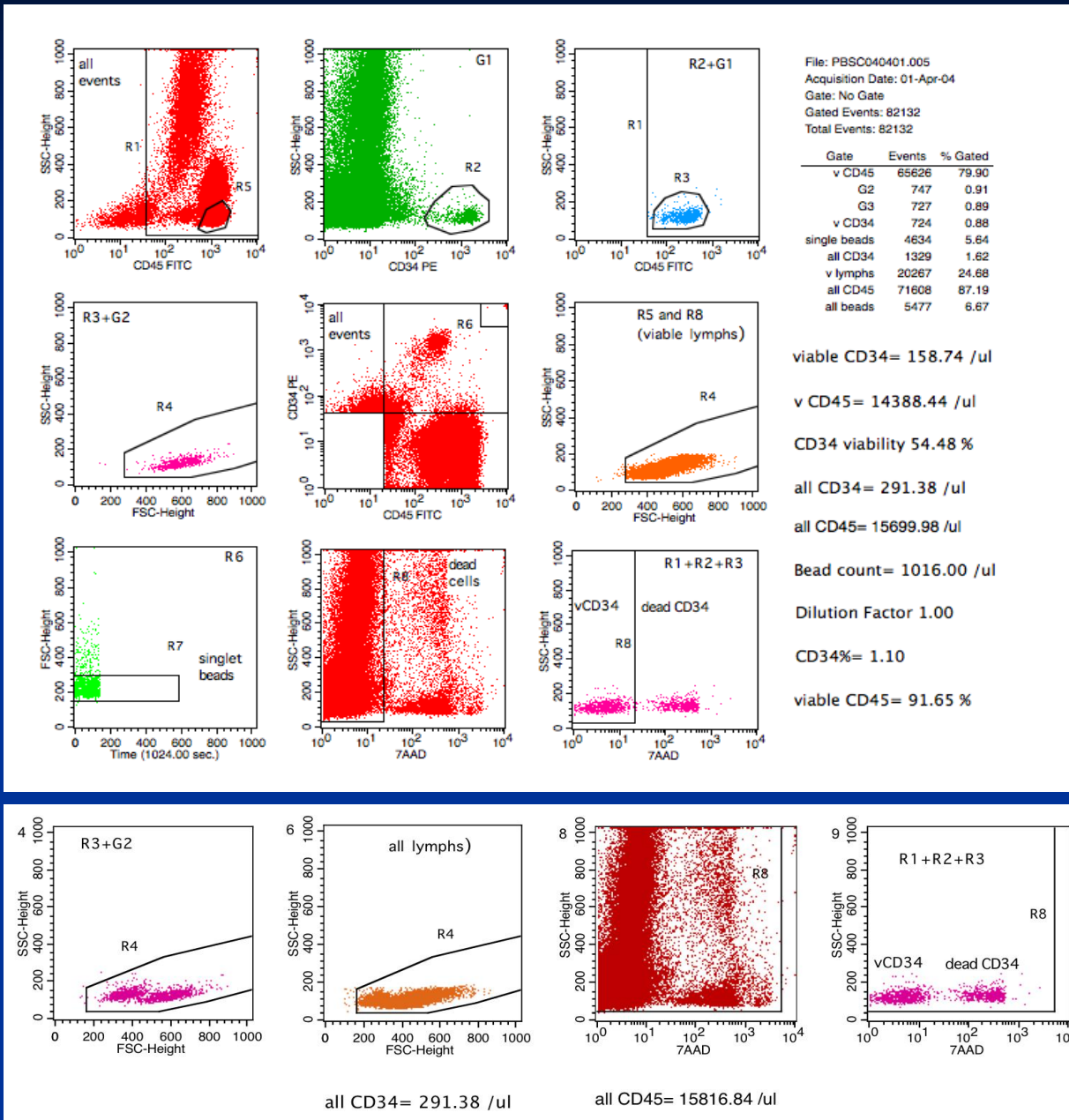
Any clinical cytometer with 4 or more PMTs

- Pan-CD45 FITC (detects all isoforms and glycoforms)
- Pan-CD34 PE (class III, detects all glycoforms)
- Viability dye (7-AAD, - include for all samples)
- Pipettable Fluorospheres (Stem-Kit™ [Beckman], CD34 Count Kit [DAKO]) or Trucount™ tubes [BD]
- Reverse-pipetting of sample (and beads) mandatory
- Sequential boolean gating strategy
 - to identify 'true' CD34⁺ cells:
 - CD34⁺, CD45^{dim}, SSC^{low/int}, FSC^{low/int}

Keeney M, Chin-Yee I, Weir K, Popma J, Nayar R, Sutherland DR.

Single platform flow cytometric absolute CD34⁺ cell counts based on the ISHAGE Guidelines. Cytometry 34: 61-67, 1998

Beckman Stem-Kit on BD FACSCalibur

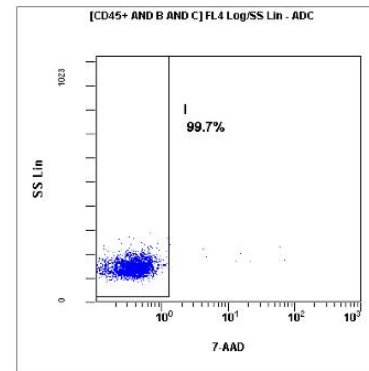
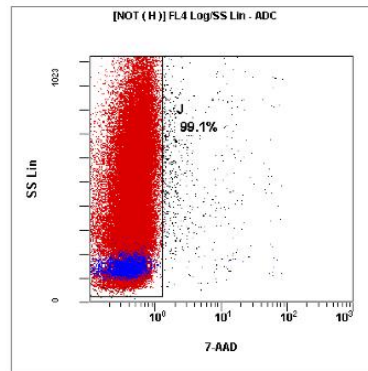
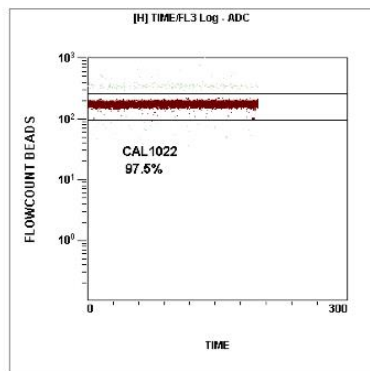
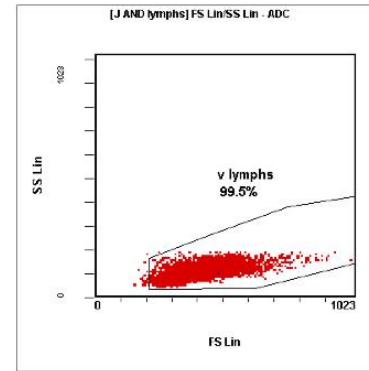
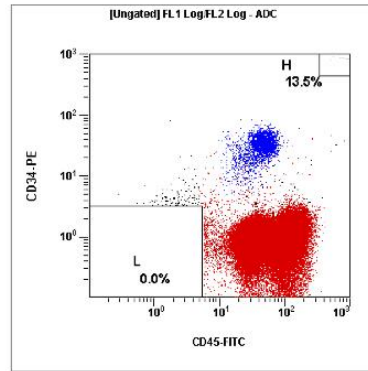
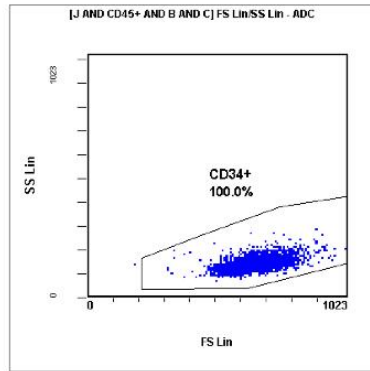
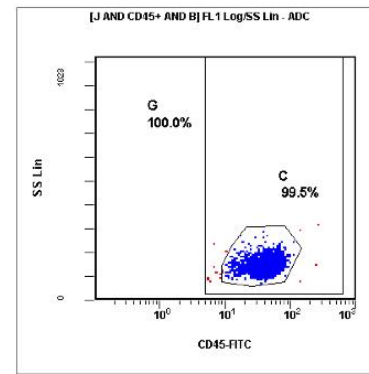
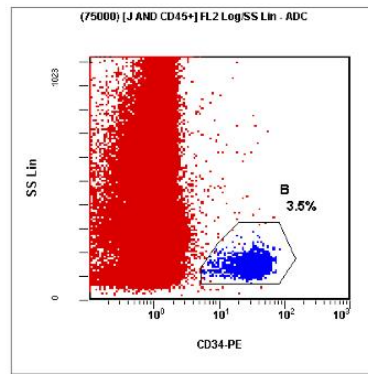
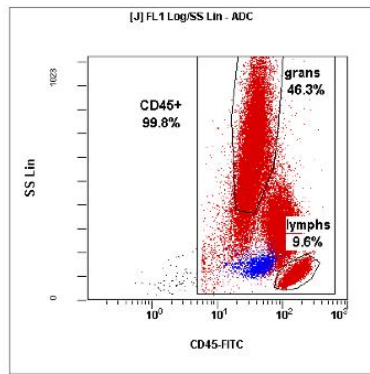


Importance of
 viability
 assessment
 Viable cells only
 (7-AAD-negative)

All cells:
 (live plus dead)

Assay Validation

Old Cytometer Beckman FC500



[Ungated] Legend

| Color | Name | % Gated | % Total | Number | Cells/ μ L |
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| Blue | v CD34+ | 3.00 | 3.00 | 2653 | 233.02 |
| Blue | ALL CD34+ (C) | 3.01 | 3.01 | 2662 | 233.81 |
| Red | v CD45+ | 85.53 | 85.53 | 75564 | 6636.85 |
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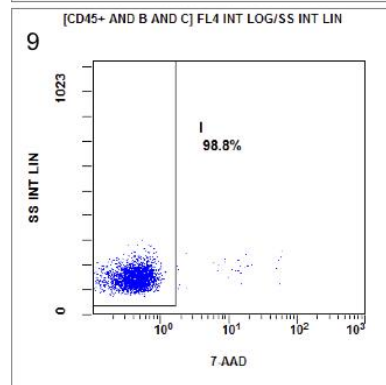
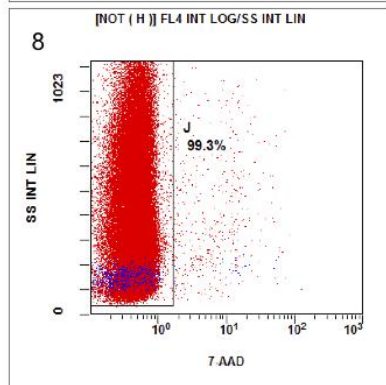
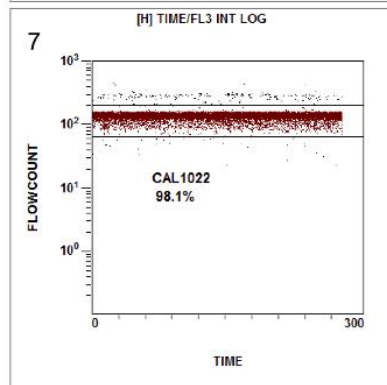
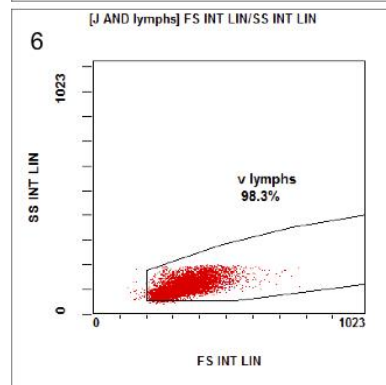
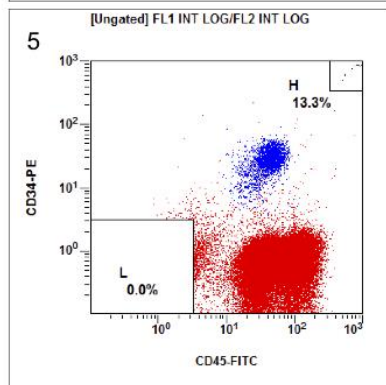
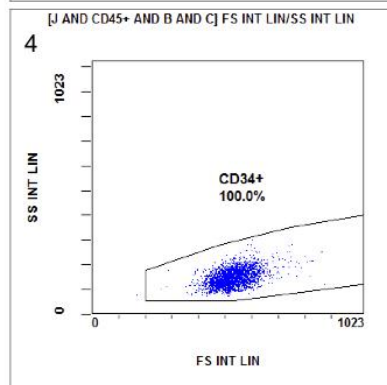
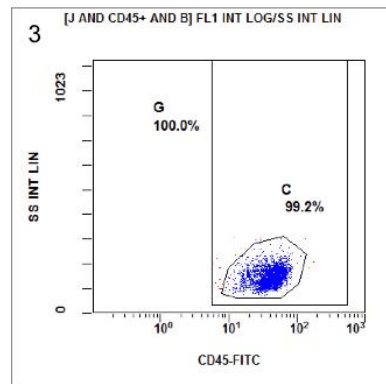
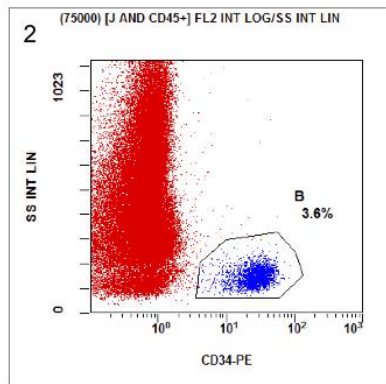
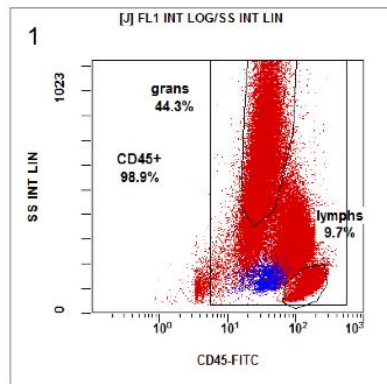
Stem-Kit™

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Beckman Coulter FC500™

Assay Validation

New Cytometer Beckman Navios



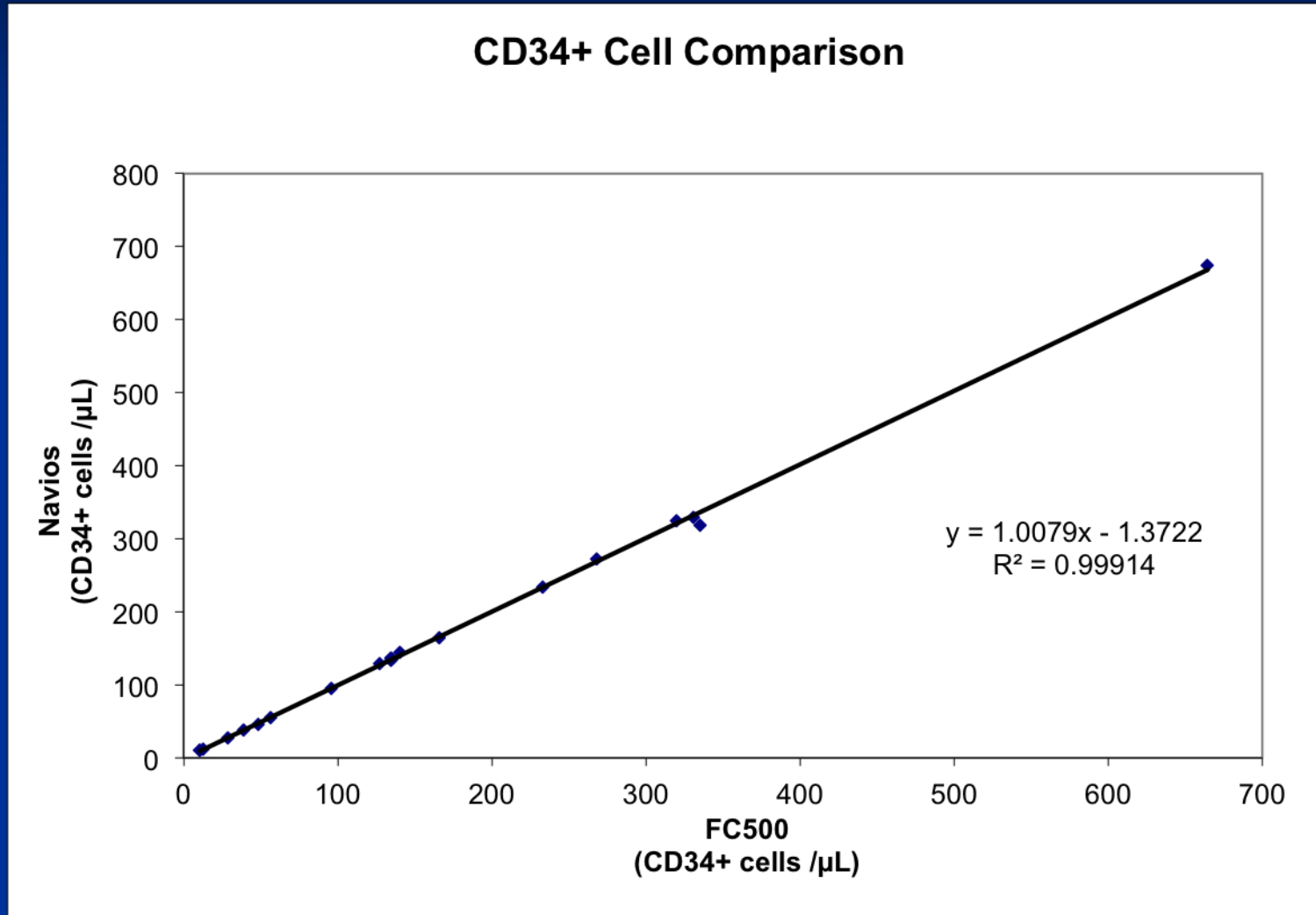
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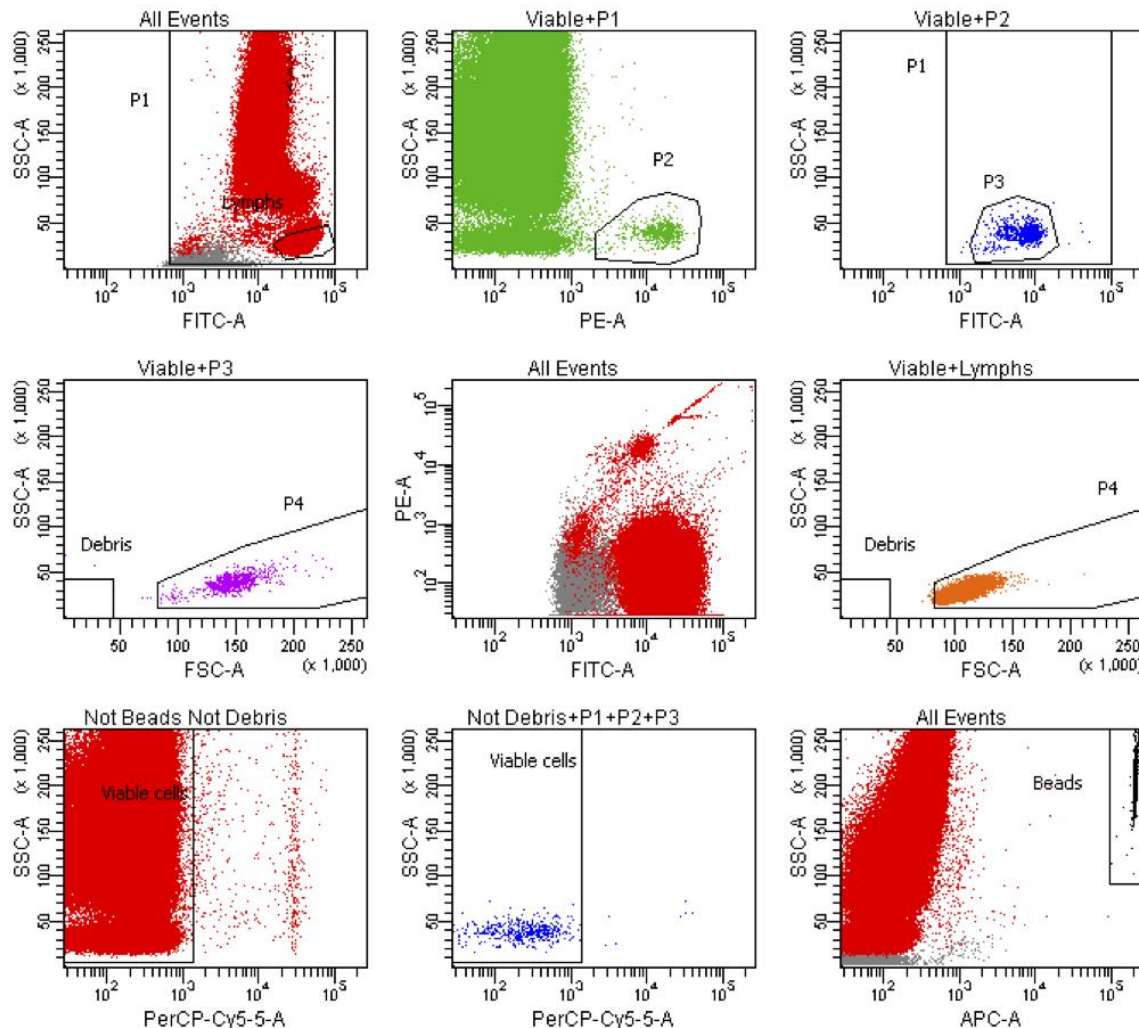
Assay Validation

FC500 versus Navios



20 fresh PB or PBSC samples acquired on both instruments

TruCount-ISHAGE (SCE-Kit™) on BD Canto II



Specimen Name: 96 hours
Tube Name: GC05-1-96
Record Date: Apr 19, 2013 12:06:02 PM

Tube: GC05-1-96

| Population | #Events | %Total |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| All Events | 295,771 | 100.0 |
| Debris | 18,769 | 6.3 |
| Not Debris | 277,002 | 93.7 |
| Beads | 3,724 | 1.3 |
| Not Beads | 273,278 | 92.4 |
| P1 | 273,262 | 92.4 |
| P2 | 766 | 0.3 |
| P3 | 749 | 0.3 |
| P4 | 738 | 0.2 |
| Lymphs | 30,826 | 10.4 |
| Viable cells | 272,518 | 92.1 |
| Viable Lymphs | 30,811 | 10.4 |
| Viable P1 | 272,515 | 92.1 |
| Viable P2 | 750 | 0.3 |
| Viable P3 | 742 | 0.3 |
| Viable P4 | 737 | 0.2 |

Viable CD34 = 98.84/ul
Viable CD45 = 36548.76/ul
Total CD34 = 100.45/ul
Total CD45 = 36648.95/ul
CD34 Viability = 98.39%
CD45 Viability = 99.72%

Calculations

Viable CD34 cells/ul = $\frac{([Viable\ P4] \times \text{Bead Count} \times DF)}{(\text{beads} \times SV)}$

Viable CD45 cells/ul = $\frac{([Viable\ P1] \times \text{Bead Count} \times DF)}{(\text{beads} \times SV)}$

Total CD34 cells/ul = $\frac{([P3] \times \text{Bead Count} \times DF)}{(\text{beads} \times SV)}$

Total CD45 cells/ul = $\frac{([P1] \times \text{Bead Count} \times DF)}{(\text{beads} \times SV)}$

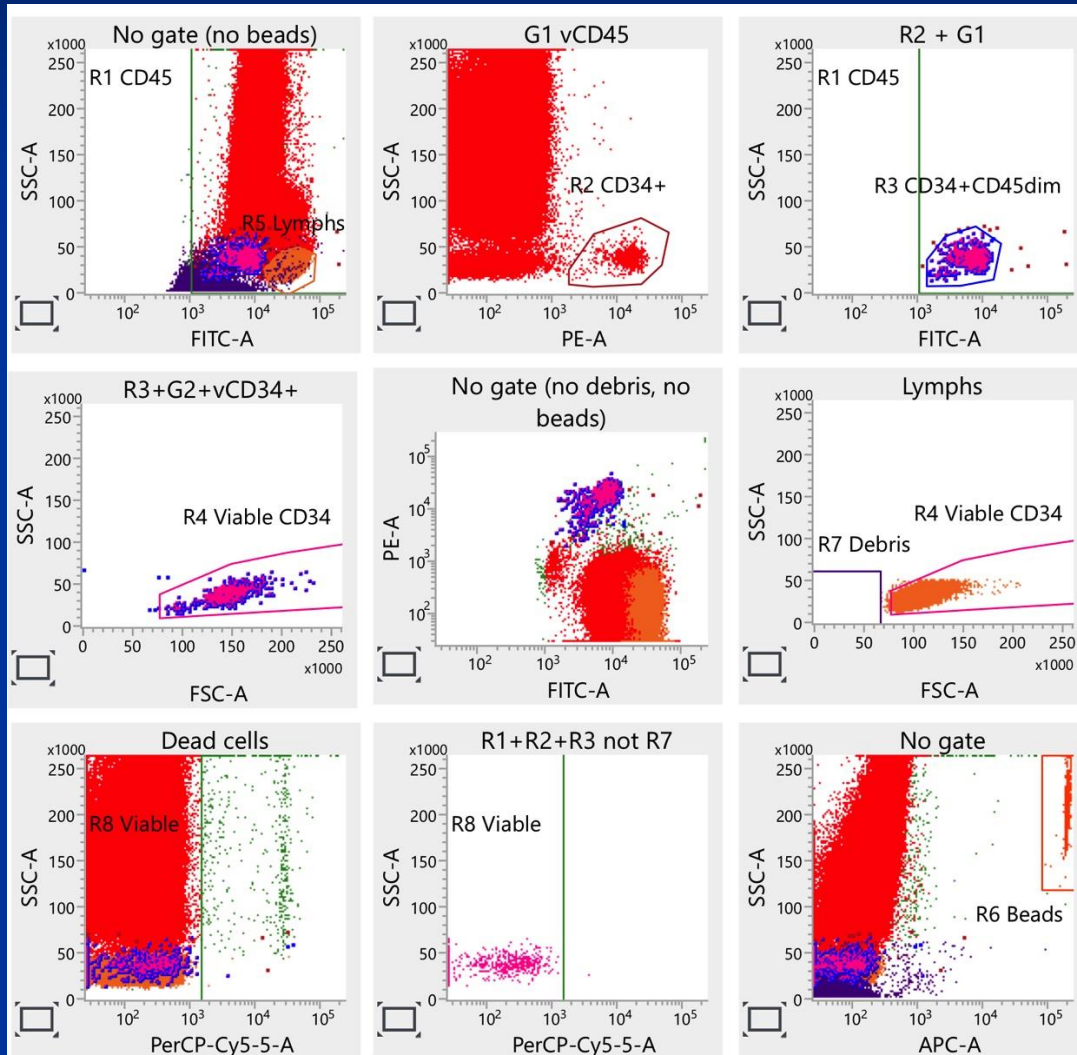
CD34 Viability = $\frac{[Viable\ P4]}{[P3]} \times 100$

CD45 Viability = $\frac{[Viable\ P1]}{[P1]} \times 100$

Bead Count: 49945
Sample Volume (SV): 100
Dilution Factor (DF): 1
Bead Lot#

BD FACSuite template for ISHAGE (RUO)

Trucount-based, Single Platform, Semi-automated Analysis
For new BD Lyric and Canto*



Bead Count = 49,500.0

Dilution factor = 1

Bead Lot# = 12,344.0

Sample volume = 100 μ l

RESULTS

*t*CD34: Total CD34 = 98.0 / μ l
%vCD34: CD34 Viability = 100 %
vCD34: Viable CD34 = 97.6 / μ l
*t*CD45: Total CD45 = 36,245.9 / μ l
%vCD45: CD45 Viability = 99.8 %
vCD45: Viable CD45 = 36,164.1 / μ l

Show Statistical Gates/Populations

Gate Hierarchy

- All Events
 - R6 Beads
 - NOT R6 Beads
 - R7 Debris
 - NOT R7 Debris
 - R1 CD45
 - R2 CD34+
 - R3 CD34+CD45dim
 - R4 Viable CD34
 - R5 Lymphs
 - R8 Viable
 - R8 Viable AND R3 CD34+CD45dim
 - R8 Viable AND R1 CD45

Population View

Research use only.
not intended for diagnostic use

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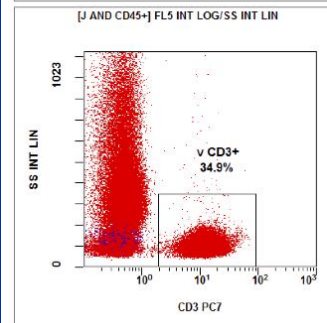
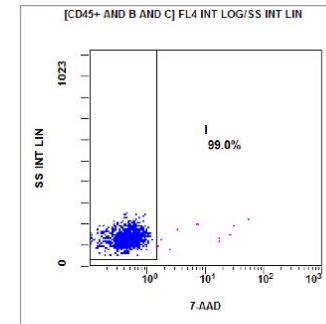
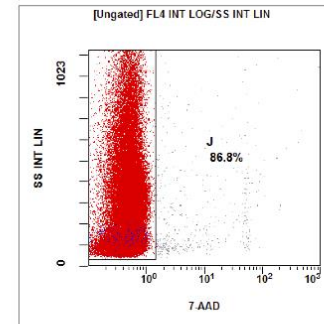
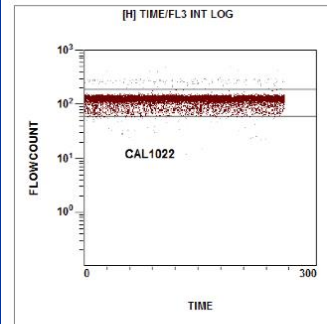
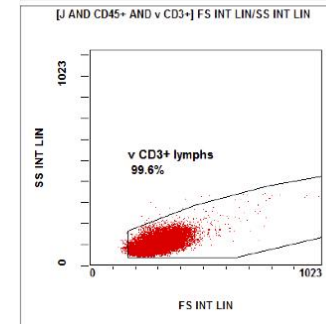
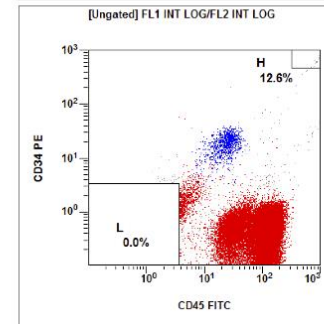
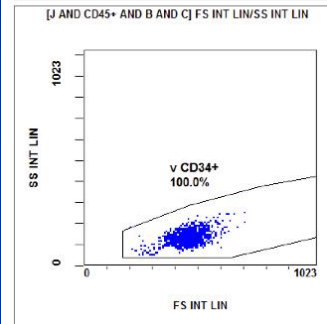
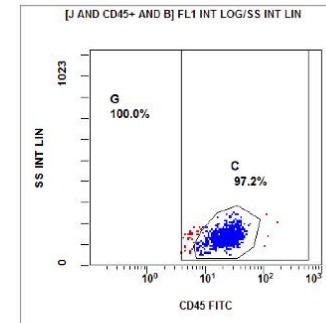
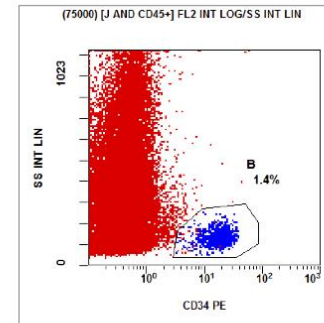
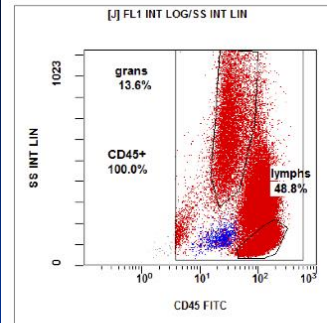
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|---|---------|---------|----------|---------------|
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| GC05-1-96:R7 Debris | 19,459 | 6.58 | 6.66 | 6.58 |
| GC05-1-96:R6 Beads | 3,722 | 1.26 | 1.26 | *** |
| GC05-1-96:R1 CD45 | 272,540 | 92.15 | 99.98 | 93.32 |
| GC05-1-96:R2 CD34+ | 750 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.28 |
| GC05-1-96:R3 CD34+CD45dim | 737 | 0.25 | 98.27 | 0.27 |
| GC05-1-96:R4 Viable CD34 | 731 | 0.25 | 99.19 | 97.47 |
| GC05-1-96:R5 Lymphs | 31,495 | 10.65 | 11.55 | 10.78 |
| GC05-1-96:R8 Viable | 271,974 | 91.95 | 99.77 | 93.13 |
| GC05-1-96:R8 Viable AND R3 CD34+CD45dim | 734 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.25 |
| GC05-1-96:R8 Viable AND R1 CD45 | 271,925 | 91.94 | 99.76 | 93.11 |

Courtesy Dr. Ahmad Al-Attar

ISHAGE Single Platform Protocol for Allograft Assessment

Beckman Coulter
FC500/Navios

CD45-FITC
CD34-PE
7-AAD
CD3-PECy7
Flowcount beads



[Ungated] Legend

| Color | Name | % Gated | % Total | Number | Cells/ μ L |
|--------|---------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|
| Blue | v CD34+ | 1.18 | 1.18 | 1022 | 97.50 |
| Red | ALL CD34+ | 1.19 | 1.19 | 1032 | 98.45 |
| Green | v CD45+ | 86.74 | 86.74 | 75166 | 7170.69 |
| Yellow | ALL CD45+ | 87.36 | 87.36 | 75707 | 7222.31 |
| Purple | v CD3+ LYMPHS | 30.25 | 30.25 | 26214 | 2500.77 |
| Brown | CAL | 12.36 | 12.36 | 10713 | 1022.00 |

SP ISHAGE Protocol for Allograft Assessment

BD
Calibur

CD45-FITC
CD34-PE
7-AAD
CD3-APC
Trucount

File: CB CD3APC truco49800.fcs
Acquisition Date: 20-Dec-13
Gate: No Gate
Gated Events: 131730
Total Events: 131730

| Gate | Events | % Gated |
|-----------|--------|---------|
| v CD45 | 105902 | 80.39 |
| G2 | 383 | 0.29 |
| G3 | 362 | 0.27 |
| v CD34 | 362 | 0.27 |
| Beads | 4654 | 3.53 |
| all CD34 | 362 | 0.27 |
| v T cells | 26608 | 20.20 |
| all CD45 | 125557 | 95.31 |
| Debris | 1476 | 1.12 |
| Alt beads | 4659 | 3.54 |

viable CD34= 38.74 /ul

all CD34= 38.74 /ul

CD34 viability= 100.00 %

viable CD3 cells= 2847.18 /ul

viable CD45= 11332.01 /ul

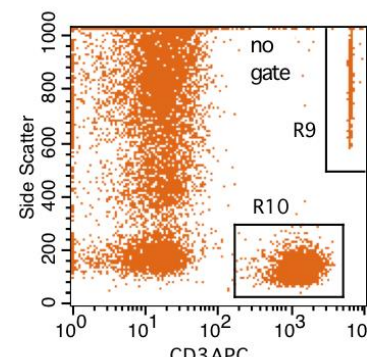
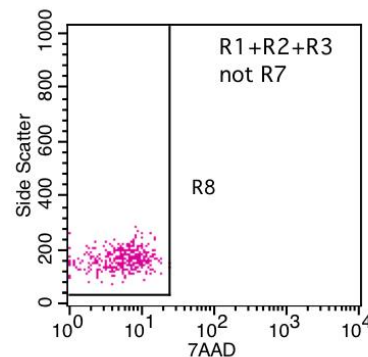
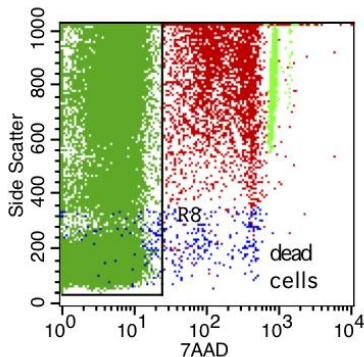
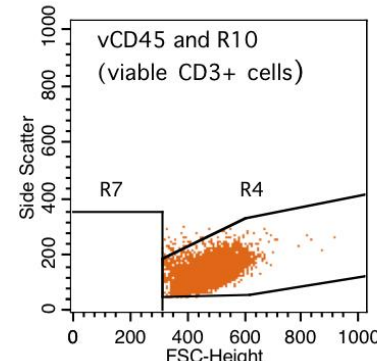
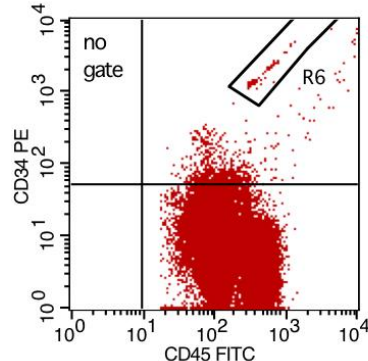
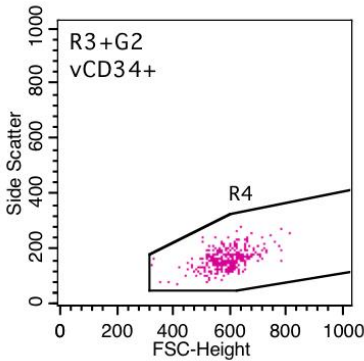
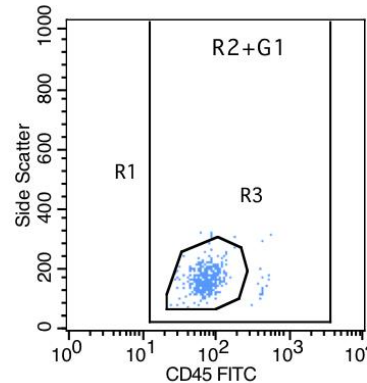
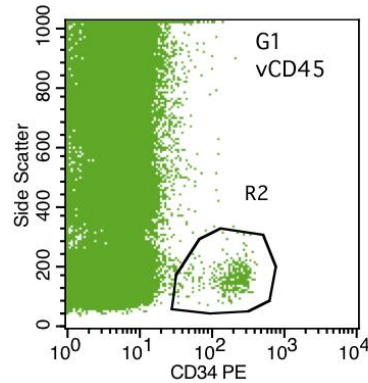
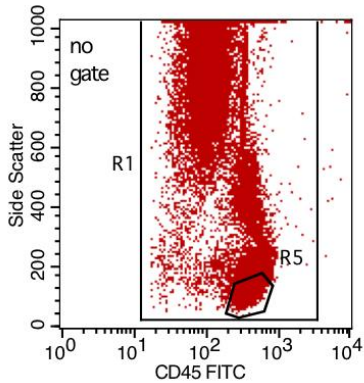
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% Viable CD45= 84.35

bead count = 49800.00

dilution factor 1.00

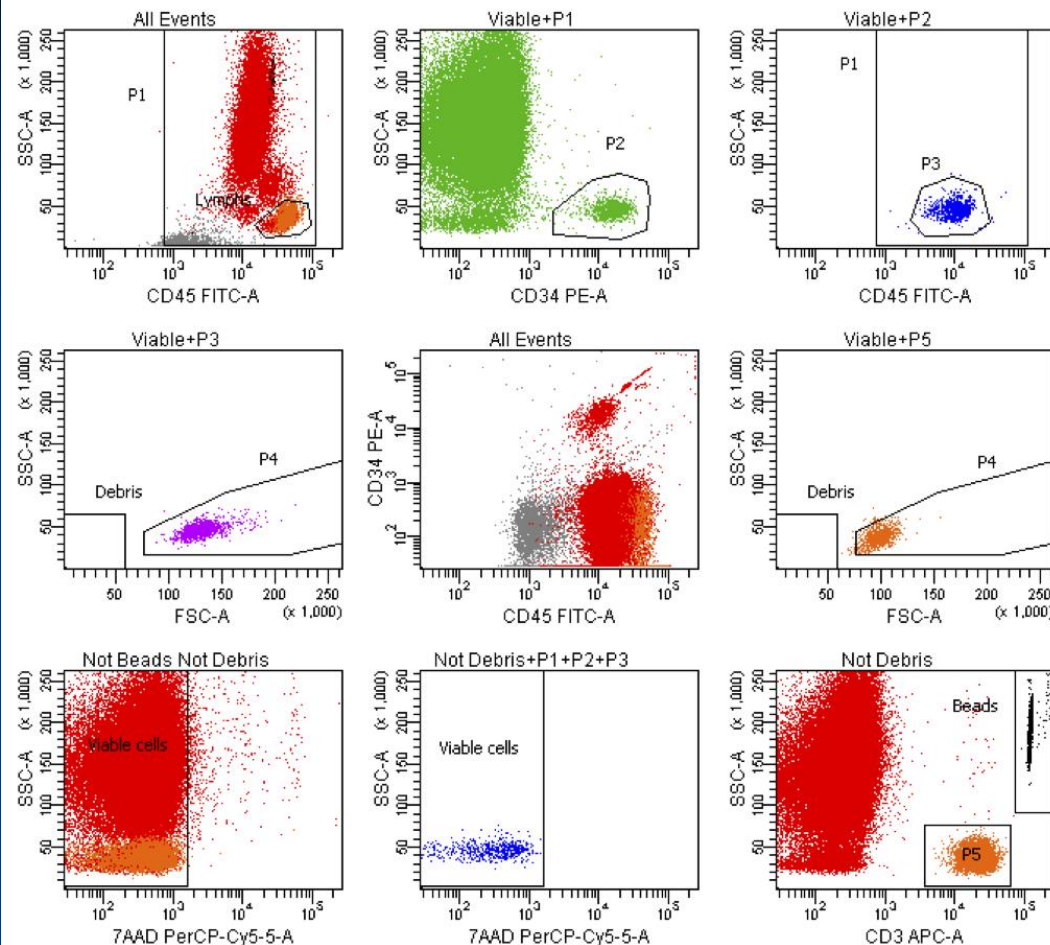
Sample volume 100.00 ul



SP ISHAGE Protocol for Allograft Assessment

BD
Canto II

CD45-FITC
CD34-PE
7-AAD
CD3-APC
Trucount



Specimen Name: APC 2 ul
Tube Name: APC 2 ul
Record Date: Sep 14, 2015 1:49:55 PM

Tube: APC 2 ul

| Population | #Events | %Total |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| All Events | 100,000 | 100.0 |
| Debris | 6,438 | 6.4 |
| Not Debris | 93,562 | 93.6 |
| Beads | 2,458 | 2.5 |
| Not Beads | 91,104 | 91.1 |
| P1 | 91,083 | 91.1 |
| P2 | 1,055 | 1.1 |
| P3 | 1,040 | 1.0 |
| P4 | 1,039 | 1.0 |
| Lymphs | 8,040 | 8.0 |
| P5 | 4,439 | 4.4 |
| Viable cells | 90,314 | 90.3 |
| Viable Lymphs | 8,037 | 8.0 |
| Viable P1 | 90,314 | 90.3 |
| Viable P2 | 1,055 | 1.1 |
| Viable P3 | 1,040 | 1.0 |
| Viable P4 | 1,039 | 1.0 |
| Viable P5 | 4,435 | 4.4 |

Viable CD34 = 216.6/ul
Viable CD45 = 18920.7/ul
Viable CD3 = 929.1/ul
Total CD34 = 217.8/ul
Total CD45 = 19081.8/ul
CD34 Viability = 99.9%
CD45 Viability = 99.1%

Bead Count: 51495
Sample Volume (SV): 100
Dilution Factor (DF): 1
Bead Lot# 21087

Calculations

Viable CD34 cells/ul = $\frac{([Viable\ P4] \times \text{Bead Count} \times \text{DF})}{(\text{beads} \times \text{SV})}$
Viable CD45 cells/ul = $\frac{([Viable\ P1] \times \text{Bead Count} \times \text{DF})}{(\text{beads} \times \text{SV})}$
Viable CD3 cells/ul = $\frac{([Viable\ P5] \times \text{Bead Count} \times \text{DF})}{(\text{beads} \times \text{SV})}$

Total CD34 cells/ul = $\frac{([P3] \times \text{Bead Count} \times \text{DF})}{(\text{beads} \times \text{SV})}$
Total CD45 cells/ul = $\frac{([P1] \times \text{Bead Count} \times \text{DF})}{(\text{beads} \times \text{SV})}$
CD34 Viability = $\frac{[Viable\ P4]}{[P3]} \times 100$
CD45 Viability = $\frac{[Viable\ P1]}{[P1]} \times 100$

SP ISHAGE Protocol for Allograft Assessment

Addition of CD3 conjugate to Single Platform ISHAGE protocol allows:

1. Simultaneous Enumeration of absolute viable CD34+ and viable CD3+ cell numbers
2. High-sensitivity detection and enumeration of contaminating CD3+ cells in CD34-selected samples for non-matched transplants
3. Accurate enumeration of viable CD3+ cells for Donor Lymphocyte Infusions can be performed using this same protocol
4. Can be used on any cytometer with 4 or more PMTs

CD34+ CELL ENUMERATION: FAQ

Michael Keeney and D. Robert Sutherland
<http://www.cytometry.org/public/index.php>

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SP ISHAGE WITH VIABILITY ASSESSMENT

Non-fresh samples MUST be analyzed only with Single Platform ISHAGE

- shipped, CD34-selected, purged or manipulated

Post-thawed samples MUST be analyzed only with SP ISHAGE because the '%CD34' value in DP ISHAGE increases due to loss of most granulocytes post thaw

If pre-freeze WBC count is used with post thaw '%CD34+' in DP ISHAGE, more than 100% recovery of CD34+ cells is almost guaranteed!

- how this happens is still a mystery to some!!

Hematology analyzers inaccurate on post-thawed samples !!

ENUMERATING VIABLE CD34+ CELLS IN POST-THAWED SAMPLES

How are samples processed/frozen?- many differences

How are samples thawed?

If samples diluted post thaw,

- Which diluent and how much, and at what temperature?

- How is it done; dump dilution or drop-wise and how slowly?

Is centrifugation/washing employed after dilution?

How is staining performed;

- In the cold or room temperature

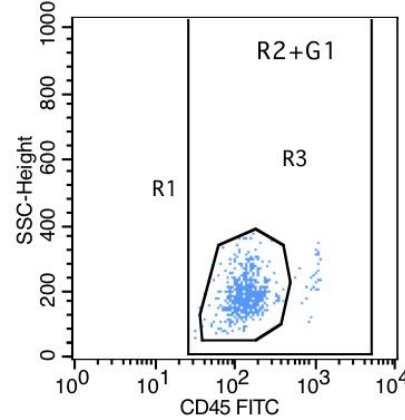
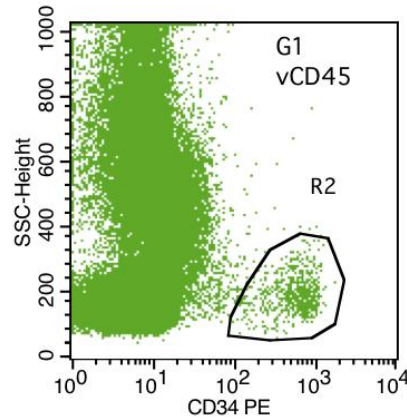
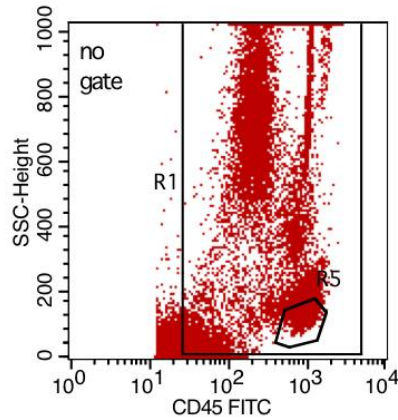
- How long?

After staining, is lysing agent used?

- Lysing agents increase prep time by 10 minutes at room temp during which cell death and apoptosis are increased

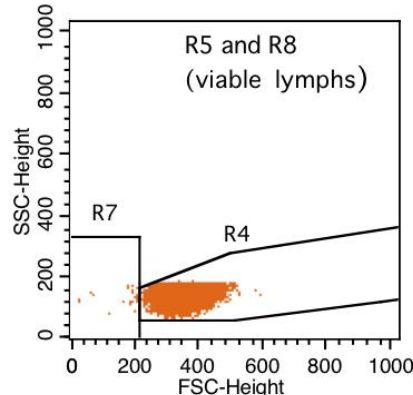
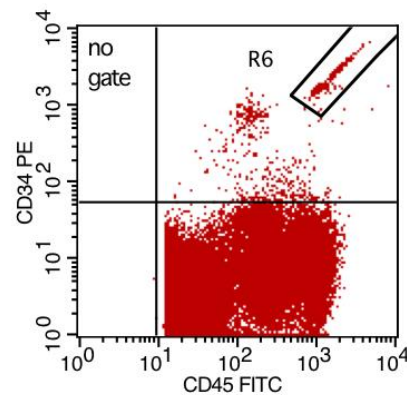
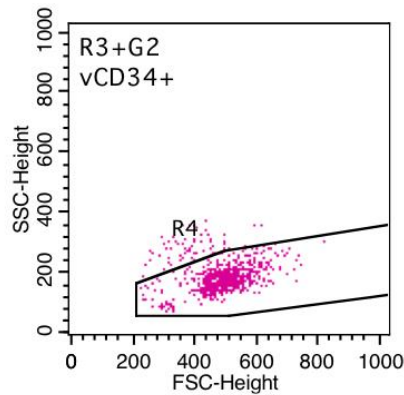
Despite Kit manufacturers' recommendations, lysing agents ARE NOT recommended by authors of ISHAGE protocols!!

POST-THAWED CORD BLOOD; NH₄Cl LYSE



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Acquisition Date: 10-Mar-06
Gate: No Gate
Gated Events: 280825
Total Events: 280825

| Gate | Events | % Gated |
|----------|--------|---------|
| v CD45 | 61100 | 21.76 |
| G2 | 665 | 0.24 |
| G3 | 636 | 0.23 |
| v CD34 | 573 | 0.20 |
| Beads | 16868 | 6.01 |
| all CD34 | 662 | 0.24 |
| lymphs | 19296 | 6.87 |
| all CD45 | 99663 | 35.49 |
| Debris | 164087 | 58.43 |
| R9 beads | 29 | 0.01 |



viable CD34= 33.83 /ul

all CD34= 39.09 /ul

CD34 viability= 86.56 %

viable CD45= 3607.75 /ul

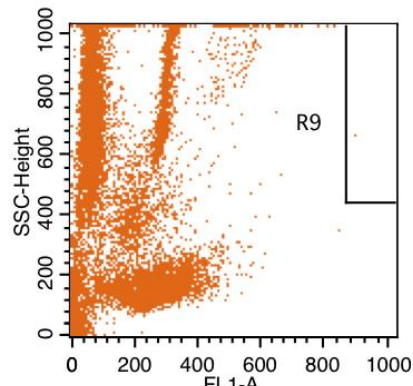
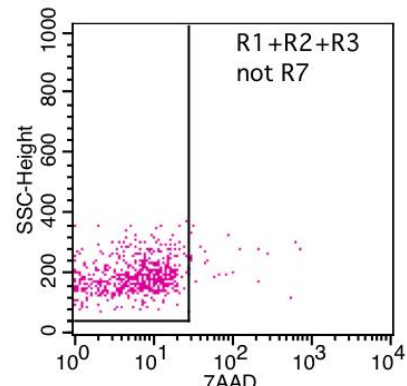
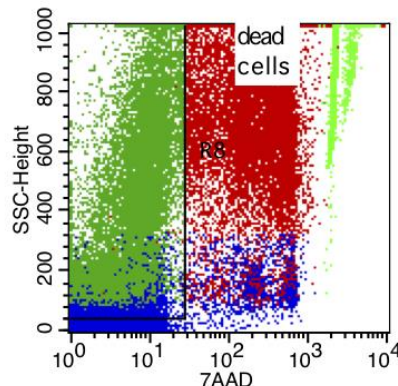
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% Viable CD45= 61.31

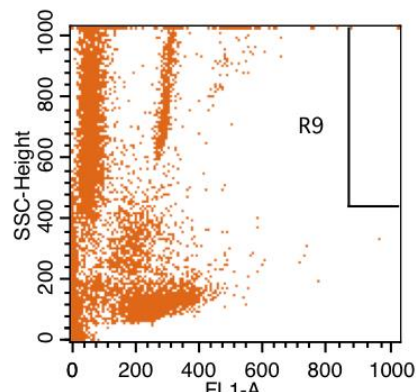
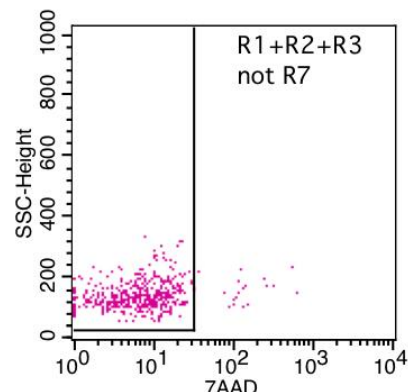
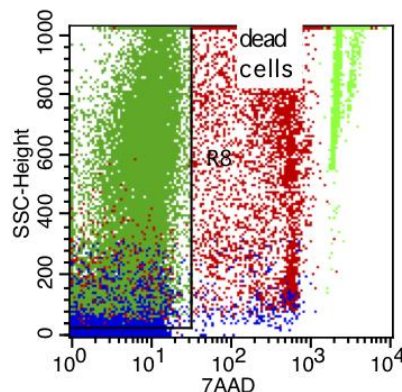
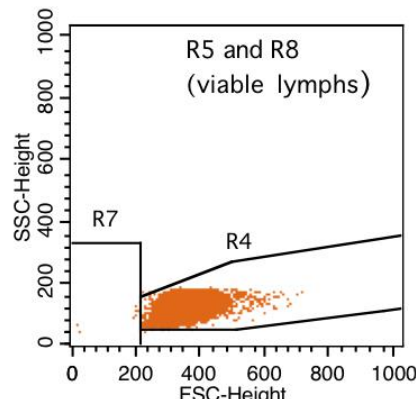
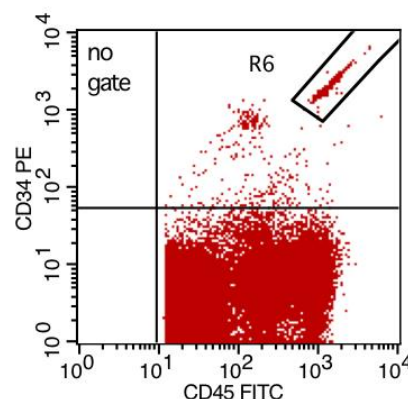
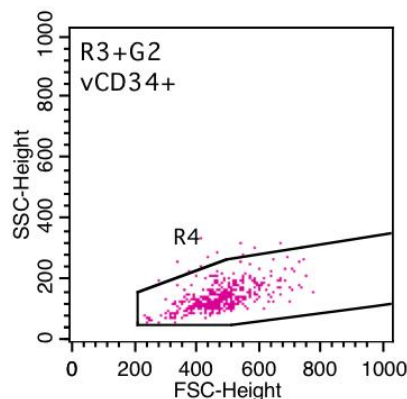
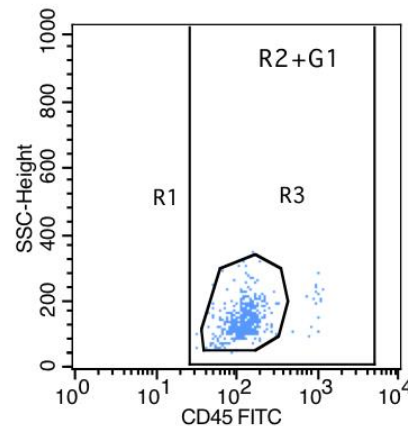
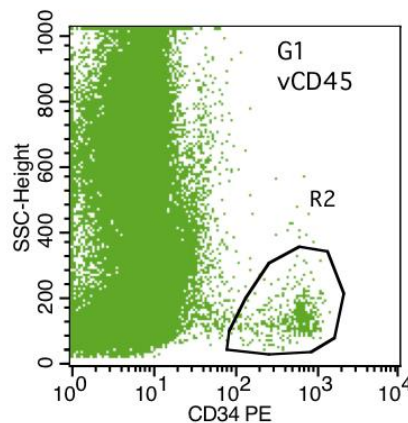
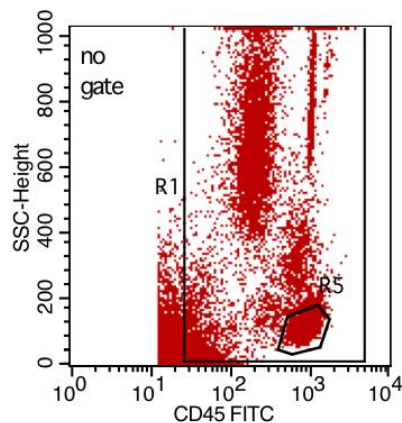
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dilution factor 1.00

Sample volume 50.00 ul



POST-THAWED CORD BLOOD; NO LYSE



File: 031006.004

Sample ID: PW-A without lyse pbs/ bs

Acquisition Date: 10-Mar-06

Gate: No Gate

Gated Events: 189427

Total Events: 189427

| Gate | Events | % Gated |
|----------|--------|---------|
| v CD45 | 65093 | 34.36 |
| G2 | 475 | 0.25 |
| G3 | 451 | 0.24 |
| v CD34 | 440 | 0.23 |
| Beads | 10795 | 5.70 |
| all CD34 | 469 | 0.25 |
| lymphs | 17547 | 9.26 |
| all CD45 | 78115 | 41.24 |
| Debris | 92965 | 49.08 |
| R9 beads | 28 | 0.01 |

viable CD34= 40.60 /ul

all CD34= 43.27 /ul

CD34 viability= 93.82 %

viable CD45= 6005.80 /ul

all CD45= 7207.28 /uL

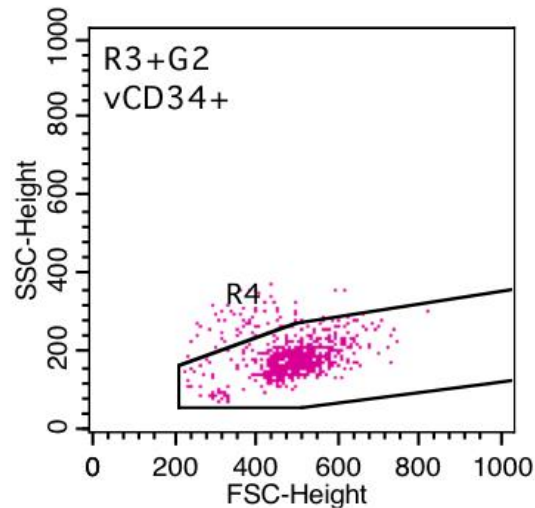
% Viable CD45= 83.33

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Sample volume 50.00 ul

NH₄CL-LYSE 10 min @ RT



viable CD34= 33.83 /ul

all CD34= 39.09 /ul

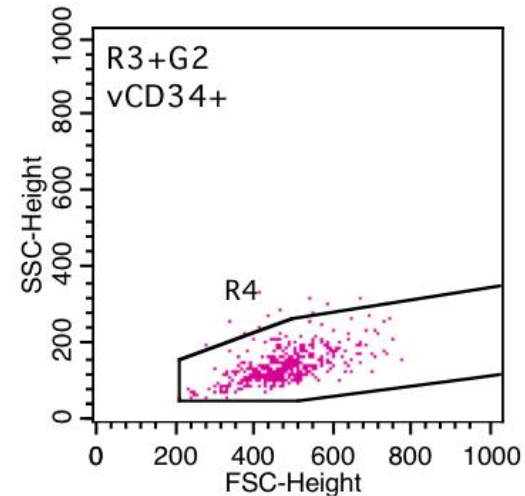
CD34 viability= 86.56 %

viable CD45= 3607.75 /ul

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No LYSE Acquired ASAP



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