FluoroVette Micro-volume Cells

Fluorescence Cells for Nano-molar Detection

The FluoroVettes are ultra low-volume, disposable cells for nano-molar range fluorescence detection. Only 50 μ L of fluid fills the microfluidic channel of a FluoroVette, which then slides into a 1-cm cuvette adapter for use in a fluorescence setup with a spectrometer and cuvette holder.

Advantages Versus Cuvettes

For only \$125, you receive 10 disposable FluoroVettes with a Cuvette Adapter, making these cells a great alternative to expensive quartz cuvettes. For the price of one micro-volume quartz cuvette, you could use over 30 disposable FluoroVettes with no risk of sample contamination.

Two Types of Disposable 50 μ L FluoroVettes

There are two types of FluoroVettes. The CFV-PIP-SP has an inlet port for loading the sample into the FluoroVette with a standard 20-200 μ L pipetter and ordinary tips, making it a snap to fill and perform measurements. The CFV-PUMP-SP has tubing barbs at the inlet and outlet ports so the FluoroVette can be used in continuous or flow injected measurements using a syringe or peristaltic pump. Each type of FluoroVette slips easily into the Cuvette Adapter for using with a standard 1-cm cuvette holder, such as our CUV-ALL-UV 4-way Cuvette Holder. The Cuvette Adapter's two ports are positioned at 90° for fluorescence measurements. (See complete setup below.)



FluoroVette and Cuvette Adapter sit in a CUV-ALL 4-way Cuvette Holder. A pump circulates the sample through the FluoroVette.

High-sensitivity Applications of Precious Samples

FluoroVettes are easy to fill and empty, making it possible to perform a dilution series to optimize data from scarce samples. The FluoroVettes are ideal for a variety of real-time high-sensitivity fluorescence applications, such as

- Assay development with quantum dots
- GFP-based assays
- Protein conformation analysis
- DNA quantification via Pico-Green assay reagent
- Cell marker identification
- Enzyme inhibitors using FRET Assays

A pipetter is used to inject fluid into the CFV-PIP-SP FluoroVette. A FluoroVette slides into the top of the Cuvette Adapter, which then inserts into a cuvette holder.

A pump and tubing are used to circulate the fluid through the CFV-PUMP-SP FluoroVette.



Detection of fluorescein in the nanomolar range (nM) is typical with FluoroVettes. These spectra were made with a CFV-PIP-SP, USB2000-FLG Spectrometer, LS-450 Blue LED, CUV-ALL-UV Cuvette Holder, 1000 μ m illumination fiber and 600 μ m read fiber. The integration time was 1000 msec; a longer integration time provides even lower detection limits.

| Specifications | | |
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| Size: | 50 mm tall, 9 mm wide, and 1 mm thick | |
| Volume: | 50 μL | |
| Pathlength: | 0.75 mm | |
| Detection limit: | 5 nM detection limit of fluorescein with pH 8 buffer | |
| | and 1000 msec integration time | |
| Dead volume: | 1 μL for pipette interface; for tubing interface, dead volume | |
| | depends on tubing length | |
| Wavelength range: | 220-2500 nm | |
| Accuracy: | FluoroVettes are linear over the concentration range, | |
| | typical error is less than 5% | |

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| CFV-PIP-SP | Pack of 10 FluoroVettes with pipetter | |
| | interface (for use with a pipetter) and | |
| | one FluoroVette Cuvette Adapter | |
| | Assembly for 1-cm standard cuvette | |
| | holders | |
| CFV-PUMP-SP | Pack of 10 FluoroVette Flow Cells with | |
| | tubing interface (for use with pump | |
| | and tubing, neither included) and one | |
| | FluoroVette Cuvette Adapter Assembly | |
| | for 1-cm standard cuvette holders | |

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