

## Data Sheet

## BioTracker™ Membright 488 Live Cell Dye

### Live Cell Dye

**SCT083****Pack Size: 50 µL****Store at –20 °C****FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY****Not for use in Diagnostic Procedures. Not for Human or Animal Consumption.**

### Background

The BioTracker™ Membright 488 live cell dye is a “turn-on” fluorescence probe emitting in the green spectrum for imaging of plasma membranes of live cells.

Specific plasma membrane markers are essential for delineating the cell. Membright dyes exploit a unique fluorogenic mechanism, existing in a self-quenched nanoparticle state. Upon contact with and propagation within the plasma membrane, fluorescence is turned on, producing bright, background-free signal. The Membright live cell membrane dyes are compatible with two-photon imaging, superresolution imaging, and can also be used for fluorescent staining of fixed cells. The remarkable photostability and lack of cytotoxicity of the BioTracker™ Membright dyes make them suitable for long-term live cell imaging. This suite of superior characteristics of these unique plasma membrane dyes permit use in a wide spectrum of cell analysis applications.

### Source

SCT083 does not contain genetically modified organisms.

### Spectral Properties

Fluorescence images obtained by  $\lambda_{ex} = 488$  nm and emission range of 500–550 nm.

Peak  $ex\lambda = 495$  nm. Peak  $em\lambda = 515$  nm.

### Quality Control Testing

Purity:  $\geq 98\%$  confirmed by HPLC, HNMR, LC-MS and elemental analysis. Molar Mass: 1218.5 g/mol.

### Storage and Handling

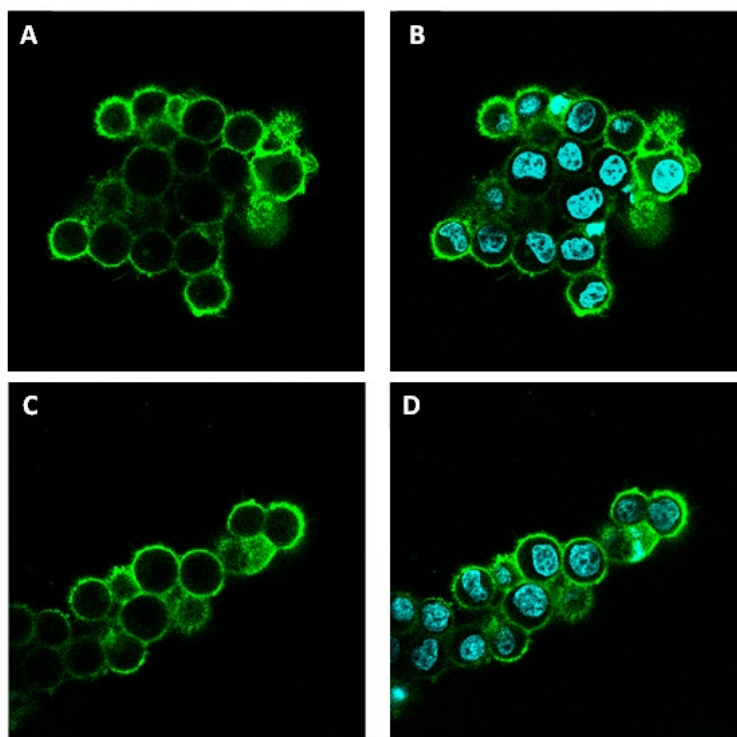
Store BioTracker™ Membright Live Cell Dye at –20 °C, protected from light.

**Note:** Centrifuge vial briefly to collect contents at bottom of vial before opening.

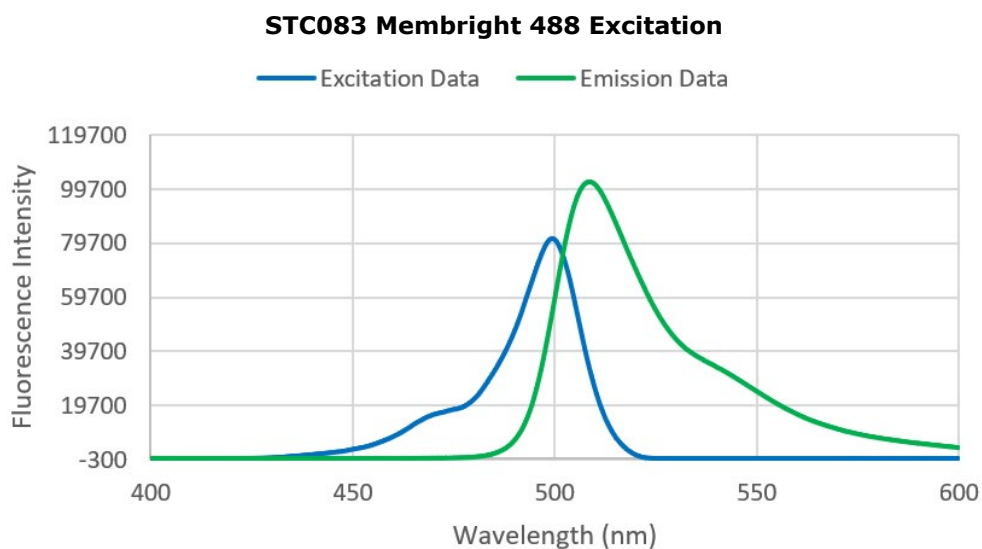
### Presentation

200 µM green solution in 50 µL DMSO.

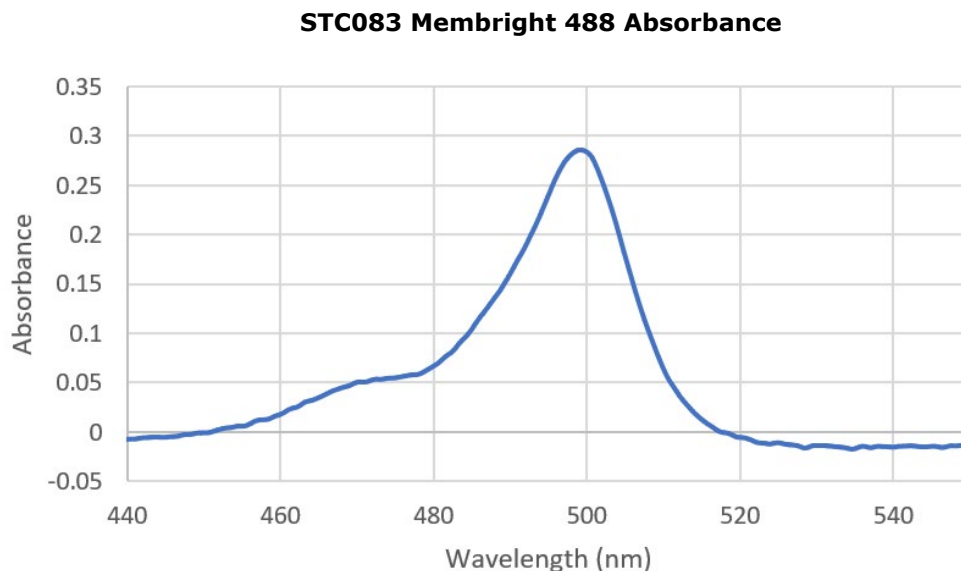
## Representative Data



**Figure 1:** Confocal microscopy images of Membright-488 staining. KB human endocervical adenocarcinoma cells were cultured and stained with 200 nM Membright-488 dye solution (green; A, C) and co-stained with 7  $\mu$ M Hoechst nuclear dye (cyan; B, D).



**Figure 2:** Probe excitation and emission data. 7  $\mu$ L of probe at stock concentration (200  $\mu$ M) was diluted in 1 mL of DMSO before undergoing excitation and emission scans. Spectral scans were conducted using a PerkinElmer FL8500 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer.



**Figure 3:** Probe absorbance data. 7  $\mu$ L of probe at stock concentration (200  $\mu$ M) was diluted in 1 mL of DMSO before undergoing an absorbance scan. Spectral scans were conducted using a PerkinElmer FL8500 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer.

## Protocols

### Preparing BioTracker™ Membright-488 Live Cell Dye Stock Solution

1. Warm the vial to room temperature.
2. Before opening the vial, briefly spin by a microcentrifuge or by a desktop centrifuge.
3. Aliquot and store stock solution at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below for longer storage.

### Labeling Cells

1. Culture cells in an appropriate medium and vessel for fluorescence microscopy.
2. Prepare the Membright-488 staining solution by diluting the Membright-488 stock solution 1:1000 in culture medium.
3. Remove the cell culture medium from the cells. If desired, counterstain for 10-20 minutes with a DNA dye and wash.
4. Add sufficient Membright staining solution to cover the cells.
5. Without washing, immediately observe the cells under fluorescence microscope for fluorescence.  
 $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 500\text{-}550 \text{ nm}$  or other filter suitable for emission characteristics.

**Note:** Optimal dilution must be determined by end user.

## References

1. Collot, M *et al.* "MemBright: A family of fluorescent membrane probes for advanced cellular imaging and neuroscience." *Cell Chem. Biol.* 2019, 26:600-614.

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