## Mouse Cell Cycle Experiments.

- ♦ Experimental preparation
  - 1. BD Cycletest<sup>™</sup> Plus DNA Kit
    - i. Buffer Solution (room temperature).
    - ii. Solution A (room temperature).
    - iii. Solution B (room temperature).
    - iv. Solution C (on ice, without light, PI).
  - 2. Cell culture preparation

Cell amount: 3x10<sup>5</sup> cells/sample.

- ♦ Experimental procedure
  - 1. Place cells from culture plate into tube.
  - 2. Centrifuge the cell suspensions at 1500 rpm for 5 minutes at room temperature (20°C–25°C).
  - 3. Aspirate the supernatant, leaving approximately 50 µL of residual fluid in the tube to avoid disturbing the pellet.
  - 4. Add 1 mL of Buffer Solution and resuspend the cells by gently vortexing at low speed.
  - 5. Centrifuge for 5 minutes at 1500 rpm at room temperature (20°C–25°C).
  - 6. Repeat step 3 through step 5.
  - 7. Aspirate the supernatant, leaving approximately 50  $\mu$ L of residual fluid in the tube to avoid disturbing the pellet.
  - 8. Resuspend the pellet in 1 mL of Buffer Solution by gently vortexing at low speed.
  - 9. Count the cells.
  - 10. Adjust the concentration to  $1.0 \times 10^6$  cells/mL with Buffer Solution. ( $3 \times 10^5$  cells in the 300  $\mu$ L Buffer Solution) This should provide sufficient cells for both a test sample tube and a control tube.
  - 11. Centrifuge the cell suspensions at 1500 rpm for 5 minutes at room temperature (20°C–25°C).
  - 12. Carefully decant all the supernatant.
  - 13. Add 250 μL of Solution A (trypsin buffer) to each tube and gently mix by tapping the tube by hand. *Do not vortex.*
  - 14. Incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature (20°C– 25°C). *Do not aspirate Solution A.*
  - 15. Add 200 μL of Solution B (trypsin inhibitor and RNase buffer) to each tube and gently mix by tapping the tube by hand. *Do not vortex*.
  - 16. Incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature (20°C– 25°C). *Do not aspirate Solution A and B.*
  - 17. Add 200 μL of cold (2°C–8°C) Solution C (PI stain solution) to each tube and gently mix by tapping the tube by hand. *Do not vortex*.
  - 18. Incubate for 10 minutes in the dark on ice or in the refrigerator (2°C–8°C).
  - 19. Filter the sample into a tube.

The samples are now ready to be analyzed on the flow cytometer. Cap or cover the prepared tubes and store at 2°C–8°C in the dark until flow cytometric analysis.