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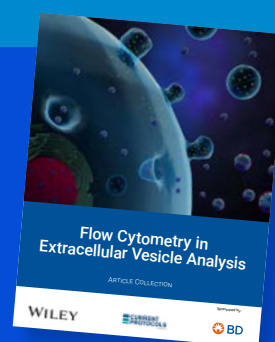


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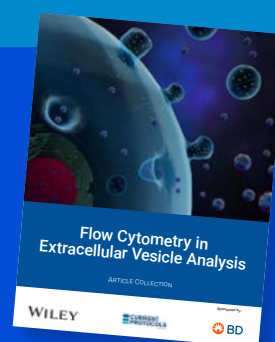
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As we approach the 75th anniversary of the experiments in which EVs were first (unknowingly) isolated, the authors of this article:

- Highlight the use of **flow cytometry** as a powerful tool for analyzing EVs
- Emphasize the importance of **standardization in both EV isolation and EV experimental approaches**
- Underscore the importance of **accurate and consistent evaluation of EVs** for the effectiveness of cellular therapies
- Examine the overall importance of EV flow cytometry as a **valuable technique for studying the biology of EVs**

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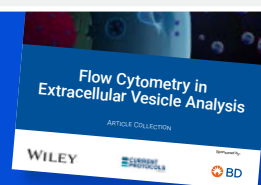
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In this piece, the authors demonstrate how flow cytometry enhances EV research and supports the development of innovative diagnostic and therapeutic approaches. The authors:

- Highlight the use of **flow cytometry in EV based biomarker research** and demonstrate EV isolation methods
- Consider **various protocols to isolate EVs with different characteristics** and apply a model to estimate the effect of centrifugation on sample purity
- Point out the importance of **understanding the technical limitations and challenges** associated with EV analysis (the need for standardized protocols, for example)

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In the final piece, authors examine the development of the MIFlowCyt-EV framework position statement, put together with the aim of improving the reporting and reliability of single EV flow cytometry experiments. The authors:

- Discuss how the **reporting framework facilitates consistency** between EV measurement, data reproducibility, and experimental interpretation
- Provide an **overview of the current challenges** associated with EV analysis (the small size of EVs, signal calibration, and swarm detection, for example)
- Examine the **importance of standardization** in EV analysis
- Provide a **roadmap for transparent and reproducible EV data** generated by flow cytometry, which ultimately expedites the advancement of EV-based diagnostic and therapeutic applications