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# Flow Cytometry: Basic Principles and Applications

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Flow cytometry is an indispensable technique in clinical diagnostics and immunological and hematological research. This Special Issue in Cells will highlight the powerful applications of this technique as well as the pitfalls in both data acquisition and interpretation. Several aspects will be discussed in detail: Firstly, data preprocessing with a focus on: i. correct settings of the hardware and ii. correct transformation of the data to avoid erroneous results caused by inadequate processing. Secondly, the vast increase in fluorescent labels comes with essential and complex issues associated with correct compensation. Thirdly, as the data obtained via cytometry are multidimensional in nature, the choice of dimension reduction algorithms is key. Finally, the translation of algorithms described in complex software environments such as R, Matlab and Python must be applied to easy-touse and intuitive graphical user interfaces, aiding care professionals' clinical decision making with limited background in flow cytometry. Several articles will describe newly developed applications both based on multicolor fluorescence and multi-mass cytometry.













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