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Rare-Cell™ BCT preserves antigen expression, cell morphology

Streck blood collection tube contains patented technology

Omaha, NE -- (July 25, 2008) Rare-Cell BCT is Streck's new blood collection tube for the preservation of rare and fragile cell types, including circulating tumor cells, circulating epithelial cells, and fetal cells circulating in maternal blood.

This direct-draw blood collection tube contains a patent-protected preservative that maintains cell morphology and antigen expression for up to three days at room temperature. This allows for the detection, enumeration and characterization of these rare cells.

Rare-Cell BCT is for research use only and is not for use in diagnostic procedures.

Other products in the Streck BCT line include Cyto-Chex® BCT for the preservation of whole blood samples for immunophenotyping by flow cytometry and Cell-Free DNA™ BCT for the preservation of cell-free DNA circulating in plasma.

About Streck, Inc.

Over the past 30 years, Streck has developed a reputation for excellence that includes quality control products that meet customer needs, responsive customer service and technical service. Other Streck products include hematology, immunology and chemistry products for the clinical laboratory. For more information, call 800-843-0912 or consult Streck online at www.streck.com.