





The Multi-faceted Assays Enabled with Cytation 5 Technology

An Advanced Tool for Smarter Target-Based, Phenotypic Research & Screening



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Target vs Phenotypic Research & Development

Target-based Research

- Initial Target ID and Validation studies are critical for efficacy
- Assay development for screening focuses on drug interaction with target
- Screening hundreds of thousands of compounds is relatively easy

Phenotypic Research

- Use a phenotype model for the disease no specific drug target
- Assay development for screening focuses on phenotype suppression
- Screening hundreds of thousands of compounds is relatively difficult

Example: Angiogenesis in Cancer: Tumor growth requires blood vessel development (angiogenesis).

- Establish that VEGF binding to VEGFR induces blood vessel growth
- Develop assay that monitors binding to VEGF receptors
- Develop assay that monitors blood vessel growth

... need/desire to perform both types of screens to generate accurate in-vivo-like results

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Microplate Reader with Imaging



Fuller picture for cell biology research

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н	0.243	0.258	0.279	0.274	0.278	0.268	0.269	0.276	0.263	0.268	0.248	0.248

Quantitative univariate data



Multivariate data



Traditional Plate Reader - Monochromator



- Quantitative data and flexibility
- Precisely measure cellular activity

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Variable Bandwidth Monochromators: Fluorescence



Wavelength Selection

- Range 250 nm to 750 nm
- Select bandwidth from 9 nm to 50 nm, in 1 nm increments

wavelength

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Variable Bandwidth Monochromators: Fluorescence



Selectable Bandwidth Benefits

- Allows optimization of detection conditions for fluorophores, e.g. narrow stokes shift fluorophores
- Better performance compared to conventional monochromators

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Traditional Plate Reader - Filters



- Quantitative data and sensitivity
- Precisely measure cellular activity

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Filter Module: Very High Optical Efficiency

- Light source and PMT are directly coupled with a cube that contains filters and dichroic mirrors
- No-fiber system allows using a fairly small light source with very high efficiency: low-cost, high-performance system
- Filter cube arrangement is similar to system found in fluorescence microscopy: extremely easy-to-use





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Filter Module: 2 Filter Sets per Cube

One filter cube ships with the F module:

- Default is 360/460 and 485/528 filter sets
- High-performance dichroic-based optics
- Can be customized per customer requirements
- Additional cubes can be ordered





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Laser-based Excitation: Alpha Assays



Powerful 100 mW laser provides best sensitivity and high read speeds



Imaging Optical Path



- Qualitative and Quantitative data
- Characterize change in phenotype



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Microplate Reader Optics with Imaging



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Cytation 5 Modularity & Upgradeability

- CYT5M
- CYT5F
- CYT5FA
- CYT5V
- CYT5PV
- CYT5MF
- CYT5MFA
- CYT5MFV
- CYT5MV
- CYT5MPV
- CYT5FV
- CYT5FAV
- CYT5MFAV

- M Quad Monochromator Optics
- F Filter-based Optics
- V Imaging Optics
- A AlphaScreen Laser Optics
- P Phase Contrast Optics
- FA Additional Options:
 - CO₂ Gas Controller
 - O₂ / CO₂ Gas Controller
 - Dual Reagent Injectors -
 - Joystick Controller -
 - BioStack4 ~

- Without a structure

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Cytation 5 Detection Modes

- UV/Vis Absorbance
- Fluorescence Intensity (top & bottom)
- Luminescence (glow & flash)
- Filtered Luminescence, e.g. BRET, BRET²
- Heterogeneous TRF
- Homogenous TRF (TR-FRET)
- Fluorescence Polarization
- AlphaScreen[®] & AlphaLISA[®]
- Fluorescence Imaging
- Color Brightfield Imaging (H&E)
- Brightfield Imaging
- Phase Contrast Imaging



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Gen5 Data Analysis Software: Powerful Functionality

- Results gradient
- Area scan
 Spectral scar

Curves

Spectral scan







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4-Zone[™] Temperature Control: With Condensation Control Mode

- Proven natural convection incubator design:
 - Provides precise temperature control in the entire reading chamber
 - "Fan-free" design helps prevent edge effect common in other systems
- Condensation control mode option
 - Set the top heaters slightly higher than bottom heaters when using lidded plates
 - Even during long-term incubated kinetics, there is no condensation, so measurements aren't affected
- Excellent uniformity +/- 0.5 °C @ 37 °C







Top zones set higher for condensation control

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Advanced Shaking

• Three shake movement profiles to suit multiple applications:



Orbital shaking prov



Linear shaking provides strong agitation in the well, ideal for maximum mixing for non-cell based assays Orbital shaking provides gentle yet thorough mixing, ideal for cellbased assays where cell disruption should be minimized Double-orbital shaking provides strong agitation multi-directional shaking, good for mixing to prevent cell clumping



Automation





- Compatible with automated systems
- Cytation 5 presents microplates in portrait orientation
- Compatible with BioStack 4
 - De-lidding and re-lidding capability for 96-, 384- and 1536-well plates
 - Stacking of 24- to 1536-well plates

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More and More Assays are Run on Live Cells



Cytation 5 live cell features:

- Temperature control up to 65 °C
- Gas controller (CO_2 / O_2)
- Automatic reagent dispenser

Example Applications:

- Calcium signaling
- Enzymatic activity
- Metabolic activity
- Mitochondrial membrane potential
- Oxidative burst
- Receptor binding
- Live Cell assays
- Cell migration
- Hypoxia & Oxidative stress
- Cell cycle analysis

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Imaging Basic Specifications

- Matched LED light source and filter cube assemblies
- 4 filter cube onboard capacity: RGB, plus several other colors
- Six objectives onboard capacity: 1.25x, 2.5x, 4x, 10x, 20x, 40x and 60x
 : 4x, 10x, 20x and 40x phase
- Read modes: End point / Time lapse / Montage
- Labware: 6- to 1536-well microplates

Microscope slides / chamber slides

Cell Counting Chamber

T25 flasks

Petri dishes

- AutoFocus, AutoIntensity, AutoExposure
- Software controlled microscopy
- Gen5 reader control and data reduction software

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Labware: Multi-Vessel Compatibility

- 6- to 384-well microplates (up to 1536-well for imaging)
- Microscope slides / chamber slides
- T25 flasks
- 100, 60 and 35 mm Petri dishes
- Cell Counting Chamber
- Take3 & Take3 Trio



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Imaging Optical Path



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High Quality Optical Components

- Semrock filters
- High power LEDs
- Zeiss & Olympus objectives
- I6-Bit CCD camera with Sony chip

365 LED 1225000





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Imaging Filter Cube Options

Description	P/N	Excitation	Emission	Mirror	P/N	LED
DAPI filter cube	1225100	377/50	447/60	409	1225000	365 nm
TagBFP filter cube	1225115	390/18	447/60	409	1225009	390 nm
CFP filter cube	1225107	445/45	510/42	482	1225001	465 nm
GFP filter cube	1225101	469/35	525/39	497	1225001	465 nm
YFP filter cube	1225104	500/24	542/27	520	1225004	505 nm
CFP-YFP FRET filter cube	1225110	445/45	542/27	482	1225001	465 nm
RFP filter cube	1225103	531/40	593/40	568	1225003	523 nm
Phycoerythrin filter cube	1225113	469/35	593/40	568	1225001	465 nm
Texas Red filter cube	1225102	586/15	647/57	605	1225002	590 nm
Propidium lodide filter cube	1225111	531/40	647/57	605	1225003	523 nm
Acridine Orange filter cube	1225109	469/35	647/57	605	1225001	465 nm
CY5 filter cube	1225105	628/40	684/40	660	1225005	623 nm
Chlorophyll filter cube	1225112	445/45	685/40	482	1225001	465 nm
CY5.5 filter cube	1225114	647/57	794/160	695	1225008	655 nm
CY7 filter cube	1225106	716/40	809/81	757	1225006	740 nm

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Objective Specifications

	Numerical Aperture	Resolution (nm)*	Depth of Field (µm)*	Working Distance (mm)	
1.25x	0.04	4400	300	5	
2.5x (2.25 x eff)	0.07	2500	132.2	5.7	
2.5x (2.75x eff)	0.12	1458	50.7	6.3	
4x	0.13	1346	38.9	17	
Phase 4x	0.13	1346	38.9	17	
10x	0.3	583	7.1	10	
Phase 10x	0.3	583	7.1	10	
20x	0.45	388	2.9	6.4 - 7.6	
Phase 20x	0.45	388	2.9	6.4 - 7.6	
40x	0.6	291	1.5	2.7 - 4.0	
Phase 40x	0.6	291	1.5	2.7 - 4.0	
60x	0.7	250	1.1	1.5 - 2.2	

* Example is for blue (DAPI) at 350 nm

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Fluorescence Imaging



• 3-color image (blue, green red)

- 20x objective
- Images are acquired in sequence in gray scale
- Artificial color scale is applied to each color channel
- Finally, the 3 images are overlapped
- Used for quantitative measurements

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Brightfield Imaging

- Simple, gray scale image shows OD image
- Can be used for quantitative analysis, e.g. cell counting



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40x & 60x Example Applications

- 40x: Olympus, 2.7 mm working distance, 0.6 NA
- 60x: Olympus, 1.8 mm working distance, 0.7 NA
- Imaging yeast and bacteria
- Imaging smaller cellular structures, e.g. mitochondria
- Resolution at 60x and 500 nm is about 350 nm (0.35 µm)
 - 500 / 2 x 0.7 (wavelength / 2 x NA)





0 0 Yeast – Brightfield at 40x 100 µm

CFP Expressing Yeast – 40x

BPAE cells (DAPI, GFP, Texas Red) – 60x



Imaging & Microscopy: Z-Stacking, Z-Projection



Z-Stacking



Z-Projection

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Imaging & Microscopy: Time Lapse



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Imaging & Microscopy: Montage and Stitching





Imaging & Microscopy: Digital Phase Contrast



Digital Phase Contrast

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Gen5 Interface

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Gen5 automates cell counting and sub-population analysis in an uncluttered, easyto use interface.
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Image Analysis Can Be Very Complex



- <u>One-click</u> cell counting tool
- Designed for users with no image analysis experience

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Software Interface

- Gen5 is BioTek's interface for plate readers
- Our new imager takes advantage of 30 years of plate reader software development.
- Interface allows to:
 - Control the device to automate simple or complex processes
 - End point, kinetic...
 - Multiplex imaging and plate reading steps
 - Analyze the data
 - Automatically export raw and calculated data to Excel or text file if required.

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Image Analysis

- Simple image analysis is included in the software
 - Image statistics
 - Cell counting using cell nuclei
 - Sub-population analysis using cell-count mask
- Output can then be processed as standard microplate data for more complex data reduction (e.g. EC₅₀, potency...)
- Images are saved in universal format for further analysis using other software packages if needed (Image J, Cell Profiler, MetaMorph, CombineZP...)

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Improve Sensitivity with Imaging: Plate Reader vs. Microscope



	Plate R PMT (eader RFU)	Microscope CCD Camera (Cell count)			
	Well value	S/B	Well value	S/B		
Negative control	19556		1			
Positive control	45029	2.3	2668	2668		
Sample	24118	1.2	104	104		

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Cytation 5 Unique Feature: Hit Picking



- 1. Plate is pre-screened with plate reader optics (<1 minute)
- 2. Only hit wells are imaged
- 3. Significantly faster, with fewer images to process and store
 - (one 96-well plate with one image per well = 200 MB)



Applications



Early microscope





HTRF[™] IL-6 and Nuclear-ID[™] Cell Viability Assays

Assessment of IL-6 Secretion and Cell Viability using Microplate Reader and Cell-Based Imaging Technologies



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Multiplexed Assay for IL-6 secretion and Cell Viability

- Endothelial Ovarian Cancer Cell Line: SKOV-3
- IL-6 secretion induced by EGFR activation of NFkB pathway
- IL-6 quantified by 2-step HTRF assay through plate transfer
 - Top read, spectral filters / dichroic
- LIVE/DEAD assay performed on cells post-transfer step
 - Bottom read, digital fluorescence microscopy



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IL-6 secretion – 48 hr incubation



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Toxicity Assessment of AG 1478 using LIVE/DEAD Probes



- 4x images of LIVE (blue) and DEAD (red)
- [AG 1478] ≈ IC₅₀: 5.5% DEAD cells
- [AG 1478] = 5 μM: 94.3% DEAD cells

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Toxicity Assessment of All Inhibitors using LIVE/DEAD Probes



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Validation of Cetuximab Binding by 20x Imaging





Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) Transfection

Assessing GFP Gene Delivery using Cellular Imaging and Microplate Reader Technologies



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Transfection Efficiency Assessment Procedure

- NIH3T3 (mouse embryo fibroblast) cell model
- 20,000 cells in total added per well
 - Combination of NIH3T3-GFP and NIH3T3 cells
 - Different combinations added to mimic multiple transfection efficiencies
- Cell-permeable Hoechst 33342 nuclear stain added to identify complete cell population
- 4x and 20x fluorescence microscopy images captured to assess theoretical transfection efficiency
- Top read, whole well fluorescence measurements made for validation purposes

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Analysis of Transfection Efficiency using Gen5 Software



Cell count feature in Gen5 software used to determine cell number transfected and total cell count

4x images taken every 2 hours

- Cellular expression of GFP fusion protein visible via fluorescence as soon as 6 hours
- Maximum expression reached between 16 and 20 hours



BacMam Transfection

Assessment of Transient Histone H3-GFP Gene Delivery using Cellular Imaging and Microplate Reader Technologies



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BacMam Transfection Optimization Procedure

- U-2 OS (human osteosarcoma) cell model
- Viral concentration and incubation time optimization performed
 - Multiple concentrations of Histone H3 virus transfected into cells, ranging from 0-50%
 - Kinetic reads carried out using Cytation3 over 24 hours using stable 37 °C/5% CO₂ atmosphere
- Cell-permeable Hoechst 33342 nuclear stain added following BacMam incubation to identify complete cell population
- 4x and 20x fluorescence microscopy images captured to assess appropriate viral incubation time, transfection efficiency, and cytotoxicity
- Top read, whole well fluorescence measurements made for validation purposes



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BacMam Transfection Time Course Study

2hr	4hr	6hr
8hr	10hr	1.2hr
14hr	1.6hr	18hr
20hr	22hr	24hr

- U-2 OS cells infected with 7.5% virus concentration
- 4x images taken every 2 hours
- Cellular expression of GFP fusion protein visible via fluorescence as soon as 6 hours
- Maximum expression reached between 16 and 20 hours

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Assessment of BacMam Viral System Fluorescence



- High green fluorescent background signal seen at 2 hour time point
- Time zero whole well fluorescent reads confirm signal linked to viral introduction
- Background fluorescence drops over time, as seen from 4x images and subsequent image analysis
 - Indicative of viral uptake into cells and nuclear localization

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Transfection Optimization-Top Read



- Fold change generated by comparing top fluorescence reads of GFP signal
- Optimal incubation time seen to be 16 hours with all viral concentrations tested
- 12.5% concentration seen to give largest fold change
 - Higher viral concentrations may be toxic to cell model

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Optimal Transfection Efficiency Determination-Imaging



- Imaging plus automated cell count feature used to quantify number of cells transfected (green) as well as total cell number (blue)
- Graph of cell number ratio also confirms optimal viral concentration to be 12.5%

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Cell Migration

Exploring Cell Movement



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Platypus Oris[™] &Oris[™] Pro Cell Migration Assay



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Cell Migration Assay Workflow Cell Preparation HT1080 cells MDA-MB-231 GFP Harvest cells Resuspend in phenol/serum free media **Resuspend in phenol free media + FBS** Add Cell Tracker Green CMFDA dye Plate 20 or 90 µL cells (96- or 384-well, respectively) and briefly centrifuge Incubate 37 °C with stirring 3X10 min. Incubate 37 °C, 5% CO₂ for 1-4 hours* Wash cells with phenol/serum free medium Add 20 or 10 uL compound or control Incubate 37 °C with stirring 3X10 min. (96- or 384-well, respectively Image wells w/ Cytation 3 in kinetic mode w/5% CO2 @ 37 °C Ж

Resuspend cells in phenol free medium + FBS

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Methods of Image Analysis

- Gen5 utilizes mask to define cell free zone for GFP intensity analysis
 - Reader control and data analysis

- Area of coverage can be measured in Gen5
 - Plug and threshold





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Plate Layout

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Gen5 Data Analysis: 2 Ways to Set up Statistical Analysis

Gen5 data reduction step

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Gen5 Data Analysis: 2 Ways to Set up Statistical Analysis (Cont.)

Use of analyze tool from picture view



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Statistical Analysis of MDA-MB-231 Cells: Standard Deviation



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ImageJ Data Analysis: Portability of Cytation 3 Imaging Data

- Several software packages are available for image analysis
- ImageJ open source software: <u>http://rsbweb.nih.gov/ij/</u>
 - ImageJ is written in Java, which allows it to run on Linux, Mac OS X and Windows, in both 32-bit and 64-bit modes

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ImageJ Analysis



- 1) Open image
- 1) Adjust threshold to increase contrast
- Use magic wand tool to select area
- 3) Select measure to calculate area



ImageJ Analysis

333 nM

1000 nl





Comparative Analysis





3D Cell-Based Imaging

Analysis of Single-plane and Z-stacked Tumoroid and Spheroid Images



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3D Cell Culture...

3D Cell Culture System	Vendor	Scaffold Material	Degradable	Format
Micro-tissues	InSphero AG	No	N/A	Microtissues in 96-well microplates
Spheroids	3-D Biomatrix	No	N/A	Hanging drop microplates, 96-and 384-well densities
AlgiMatrix	Life Technologies	Gelatin, PEG	Yes	Scalable
BD Matrigel	BD Biosciences	Proprietary mixture	Yes	Scalable
RAFT	TAP Biosystems	Collagen	Yes	96-well microplates
Alvetex	Reinnervate	Polystyrene	No	6- to 96-well microplates
MICA 3-D	CellASIC	No	N/A	Microfluidic plate

...driving for greater biological relevance in drug discovery

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TAP Biosystems RAFT System HCT116 Tumoroid Analysis

- HCT116 cells cultured in T75 flasks
- Cells mixed with collagen mixture, plated, and incubated at 37 °C for 15 mins
- Excess medium removed by proprietary absorbers for 15 minutes
 - Creates a 100 um thick layer of cells and collagen
- Plates incubated for three days to allow "tumoroids" to form within collagen
- Cells stained with nuclear, actin, and cell membrane fluorescent probes
- Pipetting performed manually, however MultiFlo FX also used to automate assay procedures using RAFT system
- Imaging, and cellular analysis performed using the Cytation 3 and Gen5 software
 - Manual imaging performed to capture images
 - Z-stacking also performed using external software
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RAFT 3D Cell Culture Creation Procedure



The RAFT 3D Cell Culture System. (A) Cell/collagen mix within a microplate well. (B) Specialized RAFT plate showing sterile absorbers. (C) Absorbers remove medium to concentrate the cell/collagen mix. (D) Concentrated cell/ collagen mix. (E) Cell/collagen layer showing absorbed medium. (F) Final cell/collagen layer in the microplate well prior to dispensing fresh cell medium.



Tumoroid Image



Objective: 20x

Cell Stains:

Green – Alexa Fluor 488

Red – CellMask Orange Plasma Membrane Stain





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Z-Stacking Procedure

- Manual images are captured with the Cytation 3 using the same exposure settings and X and Y position
- Individual color images saved as 16-bit .tif files
- Z-stack captures images on multiple planes, Gen5 processes based on user-specified selections
- Gen5's z-projection processes stacked images into a compiled 3D image
- Image and cellular analysis performed on individual 'slices" or on the zprojection
- Compatible with both endpoint and kinetic (time lapse) read modes

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Other Software with Z-Stacking Capability

- If further z-stack tools are needed, other options are available:
 - Adobe Photoshop (proprietary)
 - ALE (GPL/open source)
 - Enfuse (combined with align_image_stack or similar. GPL/open source)
 - Stack Focuser (GPL/open source)
 - Tufuse ("Freeware")
 - ImageJ (GPL/open source)
 - Combine ZP

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Single Plane Tumoroid Image (20x Objective/DAPI Channel)

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Single Plane Tumoroid Cell Analysis Parameters

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Z-stacked Tumoroid Image (20x Objective/DAPI Channel)



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Z-stacked Tumoroid Cell Analysis Parameters

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Cell Cycle Analysis



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Cell Cycle Analysis: DNA content



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Cell Cycle Analysis: FUCCI dyes





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Cell Cycle Imaging to Study Mitosis

- PtK2 cell line derived from male rat-kangaroo epithelial kidney cells
 - Relatively large cells
 - Small number of chromosomes
 - Cells remain flat during mitosis
 - Most adherent cell types tend to round up making mitosis hard to visualize
- Labeling:
 - Anti-tubulin mouse monoclonal primary
 - Alexa 488 secondary goat anti-mouse
 - DAPI
 - Texas Red phalloidin
- Cells were imaged at varied time points at 20, 40 or 60x to visualize different stages of cell cycle



PtK2 Rat-Kangaroo Epithelial Kidney Cells 20x





PtK2 cells 60x Metaphase

PtK2 cells 60x Late Metaphase

PtK2 cells 40x Early Anaphase

PtK2 cells 40x Late Anaphase

PtK2 cells 60x Cytokinesis

PtK2 cells 40x G2



Color Brightfield Histology



Tissue Staining

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Color Camera

- Uses a monochrome (gray-scale) sensor
- Gets color information by applying a color filter array (CFA)
 - typically the CFA is the Bayer pattern
- CFA and Monochrome sensor makes a "Color Camera"
- To create a color image, a single exposure is taken
 - sampling of only one of the primary red, green or blue colors at each pixel location.
- Two un-sampled colors are then interpolated from adjacent pixels that have values for the color being calculated.
- To construct a color RGB image from this sampling method, 66% of the intensity values must be calculated.



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BioTek Approach to Color

- Sequentially capture a red image, a green image and a blue image without filters by using sequential Red/Green/Blue LED illumination.
- Three sets of image data are then combined pixel by pixel to provide RGB sampled color at each pixel location.
 - Advantage: Each pixel samples all colors (Red/Green/Blue) so no interpolation





BioTek's Color Brightfield Optical Path



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BioTek Approach to Color

- Significant Benefits:
 - Monochrome camera supports fluorescence AND color
 - Less hardware, cost, maintenance
 - Increased resolution in final image
 - 3 separate color channels for image analysis





Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E) Staining



H&E stained tissue from (A) **normal kidney** and (B) **chronic nephritis kidney**. Images represent a stitched 12 x 8 montage made using a 60X objective. Scale bar represents 200 µm.



Range of Magnification



Fixed and stained tissue slice of human intestinal wall immobilized on a 1° x 3° slide was imaged with the 2.5X and the 60X objectives to generate a 12 x 8 montage.



Range of Magnification

2.5>



20X

10X

AX

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Intrinsic color can be faithfully rendered ...



20x Imaging

- A. H&E-stained tissue
- B. Cerebellum tissue
- C. Bean root
- D. Hydrilla verticillate leaf



Use of other Colorimetric Stains



Mouse Lung tissue stained using various methods. Lung tissue was stained using:A) HRP antibody conjugate reacted with DAB to form a brown reporter colorB) H&E dyes

C) Alkaline Phosphatase conjugate reacted with AEC to form pink products

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Young Mouse with Internal Organs (2.5x Color Brightfield Montage)





Apoptosis Phenotypic Assay



Phase Contrast

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Phase Contrast: Image Analysis Benefit

- Line profile tool comparison of the same spots visualized in Phase Contrast and Brightfield
- Much higher signal to noise in Phase Contrast allows for better Image Analysis of spots



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Phenotypic Assay: Oridonin-induced Apoptosis:



- MDA-MB-231 cells
- 6 hr incubation
- 20x Phase



... phenotype of cell rounding easily visualized by phase contrast
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Quantifying the Cell Rounding Phenotype



- 6 hr incubation
- 4x Phase
- Threshold 6,000 RBU
- Min. Object Size 10 µm
- Max. Object Size 40 µm
- Circularity > 0.4



... phenotype peaks at ~ 6 hrs and 40 μM dose

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Comparison to pS Green Fluorogenic Probe





... good correlation of phenotypes

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Conclusions

- Cytation 5 three separate optical paths
 - Digital widefield fluorescence microscopy (1.25x, 2.5x, 4x, 10x, 20x, 40x, 60x):
 rich phenotypic data
 - Excitation and Emission monochromators with quadruple gratings: wavelength selection flexibility
 - Excitation and emission spectral filters separated by dichroic mirror: high sensitivity detection
- Enables target-based and phenotypic assays
- HTRF, fluorescence intensity, luminescence, digital microscopy demonstrated in two case studies
 - Other detection modes available: absorbance, FRET, TRF, FP, filtered luminescence

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