

Adherent Cell Cytometer Minimally Invasive, Microplate-Based Cytometry







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Cell Survival Cytotoxicity Proliferation Growth Curve Dose Response Growth Inhibition Cell Line Expansion 3D Growth Inhibition Tumor Spheroid Formation	Viability Infectivity Migration: 2D/3D Cell Death: Pl Invasion: 2D/3D Protein Expression: GFP, RFP, mCherry	ROS Viability Cell Cycle: Pl Surface Markers Proliferation: Edu Apoptosis: Annexin-V iPSC Reprogramming Intracellular Immunostaining Neurite Outgrowth Quantification
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Automated Cell Growth Tracking for Cytotoxicity, Proliferation

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Label-Free, Non-Destructive, No Need to Trypsinize Adherent Cells

The Growth Tracking application automatically integrates label-free cell counts of the same well/flask from different time points to provide direct measurement of growth rates and doubling times, which is also a good overall assessment of cell health.

Two Methods to Produce a Label-Free Proliferation Curve

Method 1

The first method is to use cell segmentation, where each cell is identified by the image analysis software to produce a cell count. This method requires customization of the analysis parameters for each cell type.



Cell growth tracking using Celigo. Growth curves for CHO (DUXB11) cells grown in 96 well plates over 120 hours. Cells were imaged and counted using the Celigo Cell Counting application.

Method 2

The second method is to measure confluence of the cell colonies. This method is most universal and applicable to the majority of cell types without customization.



Streamlined cell culture maintenance using Celigo. Example of workflow and output for monitoring adherent cell cultures in 96 well plates. Cells can be imaged and counted in culture vessels without staining or harvesting. Celigo updates and returns growth curves automatically.





Cell growth curves are displayed in a 96-well plate.



Morphology Screen of Toxic Compounds

A mixture of adherent and suspension cells were seeded into a 96-well plate. Using the Celigo gating interphase we can identify two distinct populations using morphology only. Designed to produce the enhanced bright field cell image, in combination with the advance image analysis software, Celigo has been used to identify, characterize and monitor specific cell sub-populations based on morphological features.

Celigo imaging cytometer records cell images, displays gated cell images, calculates cell morphological parameters and plots the data for population gating.



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Scan Area Results	
Scan Area Location:	C5
% irregular:	83.15%
% round:	16.85%
Irregular Count:	5272
Round Count:	1068
Total Count:	6340
% Well Sampled:	100.00%
Average Target 1 Mean Intensity	105.69
Standard Deviation of Target 1 Mean Intensity:	34.54
Average Target 1 Integrated Intensity:	38,448.15

Control 48 hr

Camptothecin 48 hr

Alteration in cellular morphology was used as an indicator of compound toxicity. Above we can observe an example of the rounding up of an adherent cell after 48 hrs treatment with Camptothecin. Using this alteration in morphology in a label-free assay, we screened a number of compounds. Below you can observe the % survival index calculated from this assay.



Cytotoxicity Assay for Drug Screening



Dose-responses measured with the Celigo Cytometer versus MTT assay. HL-60 and A549 cells were treated with compounds from 1 nM to 30 μ M.



Automated Cytopathic Effect (CPE) Assay

Celigo imaging cytometer has been applied to provide automated, rapid assessment of viral infectivity in a range of microtiter plate formats. Using f-theta optics, Celigo provides high quality, whole well images using brightfield illumination. Automated segmentation and analysis provides quantitative output of CPE based on characteristic changes to the host cell monolayer.

- Objective segmentation and quantitative output of magnitude of infection
- Automated sample analysis reduces time, labor and variability
- High throughput and scaleable less than 10 min for 96- or 384-well plate
- Capture high resolution, whole well images for documentation, audit trail or manual assessment of CPE
- Supports related fluorescent based functional assays relevant to infectivity (e.g. expression analysis, apoptosis)



Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) infection of Bovine Turbinate cells (BT2). Viral inoculum was serially diluted across the plate. Threshold function indicates red wells (infected) vs. green wells (uninfected). Celigo results demonstrate 100% correlation with manual CPE assessment via light microscopy



Wound Healing Assay

Celigo imaging cytometer has been applied to provide automated, rapid assessment of wound healing using the Oris Platypus plate technology. Automated segmentation of cells or confluency in both bright field and fluorescence is able to provide a quantitative output of wound healing / migration.



Dose-response of % wound healing measured with the Celigo Cytometer using bright field and fluorescence.

(A)Wound area fill view at 0, 8, 16 and 24 hours. Confluence detection of the area covered within the wound is followed over time and a pseudo color green fill mask is added to aid visualization.

(B) HT1080 cells were plated in a 96-well Oris plate and allowed to grow to confluency. Upon removal of the plug the cells were treated with a dose response of Cytochalsin D and the confluence readout was read in bright field or in fluorescence after staining with Cell Tracker Green .



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Monitor iPSC Reprogramming, Stem Cell Pluripotency, Differentiation



Here we demonstrate the ability of the Celigo adherent cell cytometer to combine the advantages of microscope imaging and flow cytometry population analysis in a plate-based kinetic assay for the study of iPSC reprogramming.

- Follow iPSC reprogramming over time without trypsinization
- Image, record and detect all the colonies in the whole well of 6-well plates
- Faster assay (7 minutes to read a 6-well plate)
- High proliferation rate of iPSC and death of feeder cell will not affect results as compared to FC analysis.

Using a transgenic MEF cell line containing mOrange OKSM and GFP Nanog we were able to track the evolution of iPSC colonies by detecting the production of orange colonies and the subsequent evolution of green colonies.

Monitor Murine Fibroblasts Reprogramming Over Time

iPSC Reprogramming Experiment 1

- 1. Plate at 5x 10⁴ transgenic murine embryonic fibroblast (TMef) and 1x10⁵ Wild-type (WTMef) in 6-well gelatin coated costar plate (cat # 3516).
- 2. Doxycyline induction of Yamanaka factors produce mOrange colonies and upon preprogramming progression colonies start to express Nanog GFP. Media is replenished every two days and contains Doxycyline to keep reprogramming on track. Nanog GFP normally appears at D8 so that is when imaging and colony counting starts.
- 3. To monitor the progression of reprogramming, the plates were scanned and analyzed to score total colonies and green colonies every two days from day 2 day14.

Data courtesy of Kaji Lab, MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine, University of Edinburgh.









Count mOrange+ colonies

Count Nanog GFP

Overlay of green and red images

Low





Level of Reprogramming

Reprogramming	# of Colonies	# of Orange Colonies	# of Green Colonies	% Reprogramming
Low	200	200	50	25
High	700 700		600	86

iPSC Reprogramming Experiment 2

The Celigo assay allows researchers to investigate other factors involved in the reprogramming process. Here we can observe that the addition of shRNA for factor x enhances the production of Nanog-expressing colonies. From this data we can summarize that factor x acts upstream of OKSM and downstream of Nanog and may play a key role in iPSC reprogramming



Current practice in iPSC Reprogramming Analysis

A combination of microscope and flow cytometry analysis were used. The microscope was used to visualize reprogramming. One or two representative colonies were manually chosen to image throughout the process. iPSC antigen expression was then examined using flow cytometry post-trypsinization.

Disadvantages of Microscope Analysis for iPSC Reprogramming

- Can only follow a small number of colonies throughout the reprogramming
- Colonies chosen to follow the reprogramming process may not be ideal examples
- Finding the same focal plane not always possible
- Images need to be exported and analyzed on a separate image processing software package.

Disadvantages of Flowcytometer Analysis for iPSC Reprogramming

- Trypsinize stem cell colonies into single cell suspension for cell population analysis does not reflect colonies with varying size and composition
- Interference from MEF cells and dead cells due to trypsinization and manipulation
- Destructive, requiring new sample for each time point





Monitor Human Fibroblasts Reprogramming Over Time

Post-Transduction - 10 days



Whole-well imaging of human fibroblasts reprogramming experiments monitored in 12-well plates using the Celigo at 10 and 30 days post-transduction.

Measure Stem Cell Pluripotency with Live-Cell Staining



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Multiplex Fluorescence Assays for Adherent Cells without Trypsinization



The combination of a bright field and three fluorescent channels allows the Celigo to perform many multiplexed assays. A gating interface similar to flow cytometry provides great flexibility in data analysis. In addition, images of gated cells are displayed and updated with the gating operation.

- Reduce sample preparation and number of cells per test (96 or 384 wells)
- Cells stay in multi-well plates without trypsinization
- Images provide visualization of cell morphology, fluorescent distribution for assay development and quality control
- Gating is reflected on cell images



Fluorescence Proteins





Whole well view GFP/RFP transfected Hela cells in a 96-well plate.

- Identify cells in bright field image
- Measure fluorescent protein signals in green, and red channels
- Label-free, non-invasive no need to trypinsize adherence cells
- Quantify fluorescent protein signals on a cellby-cell basis continuously on the same plate providing temporal data.
- Add propidium iodide for viability of GFP transfected cells in the same well

Transfection and Transduction Optimization using Celigo Adherent Cell Cytometer

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Example 1. GFP Transfection Optimization in 96 Well Plates Without Trypinization

HeLa cells were transfected with a range of plasmid concentrations encoding turbo-GFP1 and seeded into a 96-well plate. To monitor cell death, propidium iodide was added to the wells in some experiments. The same plate was imaged daily over a 5-day period.



Figure 1. Cell Images of GFP transfected HeLa in 96-well plate. (A) Bright field cell image including transfected and non-transfected cells. (B) Celigo image process software identifies all the cells using bright field image, indicated by the red outline. (C), (D) Within this red outline, green fluorescence intensity was measured to gate cell populations and produce transfection efficiency.



Figure 2. GFP-Positive Cell Quantification. Left: Percentage of GFP-positive cells vs. day after transfection. Middle: GFP-positive cell counts. Right: Percentage of dead cells (propidium iodide-positive). Error bars indicate standard deviation.



Example 2. Measure % RFP Positive Cells in Samples Containing GFP, RFP and Non-Expressing Cells

96-well containing samples with varied % of RFP, GFP and non-expressing HeLa cells were counted using Celigo. Bright field, green fluorescence and red fluorescence channels were used.







Step 2. Gate and Circle Counted Cells Automatically

Overlay of bright field, GFP+ and RFP+ cells identified by Celigo image processing software. GFP vs RFP intensity scatter plot is also shown. When the gate on the scatter plot is modified by dragging, the counted cell image is updated automatically.



View whole well cell images

Double click any well on the well map to display whole well images. Zoom in to see details as listed in Table 1.





Table 1. Cell image examples from wells with varied RFP+ cell populations.

	Cell Images	
GFP+, RFP+, GFP-RFP-	RFP+	Counted RFP+





Reported Data	%	Count	Mean Intensity AVE & SD	Integrated Intensty AVE & SD
Total		•		
RFP+	•	•	•	•
GFP+	•	•	•	•
Non-FL HeLa	•	•	•	•
Green Channel			•	•
Red Channel			•	•
Brightfield Mask Channel			•	•

More plots are available from Celigo software, as listed in Table 2.



Table 2. Example plots





Step 4. Export Results for Each of the Wells in the 96-Well Plate and Produce Data Plot

Open Well Level Data in Excel / Calculate AVE & SD / Create Plot with Ave & Std

Measurem	ent Pla	te Map	s											
% RFP +	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	% R	FP+
Α													AVE	SD
В		0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%		0%	0%
С		14.0%	12.9%	13.9%	13.2%	13.5%	13.4%	13.9%	14.2%	13.2%	14.3%		14%	0%
D		28.5%	27.1%	26.1%	28.3%	27.7%	27.7%	28.6%	28.6%	29.3%	30.0%		28%	1%
E		46.4%	42.8%	43.3%	44.5%	44.9%	45.9%	44.2%	43.8%	43.7%	46.0%		45%	1%
F		63.5%	62.3%	62.0%	61.1%	62.0%	60.5%	61.2%	61.4%	61.8%	67.3%		62%	2%
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н												_		
% Hela	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	% H	lela
A													AVE	SD
В		62.1%	62.7%	63.0%	61.9%	64.4%	60.8%	61.4%	63.0%	61.1%	60.2%		62%	1%
с		61.0%	69.5%	58.6%	60.6%	58.8%	58.0%	58.5%	58.5%	58.4%	55.0%		60%	4%
D		53.8%	53.9%	55.1%	52.6%	54.9%	59.4%	51.6%	51.2%	51.6%	48.2%		53%	3%
E		44.1%	47.3%	46.2%	45.3%	45.2%	43.9%	45.2%	46.4%	46.9%	43.4%		45%	1%
F		36.3%	37.6%	37.8%	38.7%	37.8%	39.2%	38.3%	38.3%	37.7%	32.5%		37%	2%
G														
н														
% GFP +	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	% G	FP +
A													AVE	SD
В		37.4%	37.1%	36.7%	37.8%	35.3%	38.9%	38.3%	36.6%	38.5%	39.5%		38%	1%
С		24.7%	17.3%	26.9%	25.9%	27.1%	28.1%	27.2%	26.9%	28.0%	29.8%		26%	3%
D		17.2%	18.3%	18.4%	18.6%	17.0%	12.5%	19.1%	19.6%	18.5%	21.0%		18%	2%
E		9.0%	9.4%	10.0%	9.7%	9.4%	9.6%	9.9%	9.3%	8.9%	9.5%		9%	0%
F		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%		0%	0%



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Cell Proliferation Assay Using BrdU Incorporation

Image Data



Gated Data









Cell Cycle Analysis of Adherence Cells in 96-Well Plates Using Celigo

Cells were stained with DAPI, a nucleic acid dye used for DNA content analysis. The multi-fluorescent channel analysis and gating interface allows identification of cells in the G0/G1, S-Phases and G2/M phases of the cell cycle.



Cell Cycle - Method 1: Measure DNA Content Using DAPI

Cell Cycle-Method 2: Using DAPI and BrdU

- Cell cycle analysis is examined by measuring the amount of DNA per cell
- Incorporation of DAPI and BrdU
- Double peak characteristic peak of cell cycle consisting of G0/G1, S and G2/M phases



Imaging data can be used to generate dose response curves to characterize drug activities on the cell cycle (right panel).



Cell Viability Determined by Staining Cells with Live and Dead Cell-Specific Dyes

Briefly, cells are simultaneously stained with a mixture of calcein AM, propidium iodide, and Hoechst 33342 for respective staining of live, dead and all cells. Images are acquired and analyzed using the Celigo software. Markers are identified in each fluorescent channel and for each well of a microtiter plate, live and dead cell counts as well as the percentage of live and dead cells are automatically reported.



Cell Cycle by BrdU



Transfection Efficiency



ERK Phosphorylation





Migration

Apoptosis - PS Externalization



10 7 Annexin V with Hoechst Total Stair

DNA Synthesis



Cell Viability



Viral Infection



- Receptor internalization
- Phagocyosis
- Receptor detection: CD71, CD54 ICMA-1
- ERK Phophorylation
- Nuclear antigen detection





Cell Line Development – Single Cell Detection, Clonal Validation, Transfection

The process of developing a cell line to produce a specific protein or antibody involves multiple stages, all of which can be greatly aided by Celigo imaging cytometer.



Robotic Integration

The Celigo provides an optional robotic API which can be controlled by various automation scheduling software applications. The Celigo is ready for integration with multiple automation partners and can be coupled with robotic arms, automated incubators and liquid handlers.

The Celigo can be used through the whole process of cell line development.

- Compatible with 96-, 384- and 1536- well plates.
- Identify wells with a single colony to avoid the time-consuming and manual identification of clones by eye.
- Measures colony size using bright field and aids the process of selecting wells for clonal expansion
- Automate cell line generation process with Celigo robotic integration.



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Well with Single cell that grew into a Single colony

Transfection & Transduction Optimization

- Quickly identify optimal parameters for high-efficiency transfection
- Determine transient and stable transfection rates and evaluate antibiotic induction using live imaging



Sample 1 shows moderate transfection efficiency while sample 2 has lower efficiency.

- Monitor transfection efficiency on Celigo directly
- Acquire both bright field and green fluorescence cell images
- Identify all the cells using bright field
- Produce scatter plot for gating GFP+ cells
- Calculate % GFP+ cells automatically
- 96 or 384 wells



Cell Line Characterization







Media optimization experiment using a single 384-well plate

- Providing additional nutrients to media can help increase proliferation rates.
- Evaluated media supplements using an 8-parameter design of experiment (DoE) methodology, where 3 reagents were mixed in multiple combinations.
- On day 0, 10 CHO-S per well were plated with supplement combinations using a 384-well plate, which allowed 35 replicates per condition.
- Three supplement reagents were tested on one 384-well plate for n=35 per condition



Monitoring Monoclonality and Outgrowth



Dual channel bright field and fluorescent imaging of a single cell in a 96-well plate allows identification of candidate wells for clone development.

Single Colony BF Counts



- Identify wells with single colony on the final day
- Identify wells with single cell on the first day
- Overlay single cell plate map with the single colony plate map to produce the heat map of single cell and single colony.

Single Colony FL Counts







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3D Tumor Spheroids Functional Assays

The Celigo imaging cytometer has been developed to fully automate imaging and analysis of tumorspheres, embryoid bodies and cancer stem cell colonies. It has been used in the development of 3D tumor spheroidbased functional assays for target validation and drug evaluation.

Data courtesy of Dr. Maria Vinci, Cancer Research UK, Cancer Therapeutics Unit, The Institute of Cancer Research.





- Identify and count spheroids in flat or U-bottom wells.
- Eliminate cumbersome manual morphology measurements and improve data reproducibility.
- Monitor growth of spheroids over time.
- Screen numerous spheroid plates per day, 96, 384 well plates
- Scan an ultra-low adhesion 96-well plate in 8 minutes
- Measure viability using dual-fluorescence assays
- Multi-parameter analysis

Counts / Size / Short & Long Diameter / Est. Volume / Perimeter /Area / More ...

Tumor Spheroid Growth Inhibition Assay

4-day old spheroids were treated with compounds for 72 hours. Drug induced concentrationdependent growth inhibition was obtained.



Invasion into Matrigel Assay



- Day 0-4: form spheroids
- Day 4: add Matrigel to provide a semi-solid gel-like matrix
- Day 4-7: use Celigo imaging cytometer to determine the area occupied by individual cells or cell clusters





Two-Fluorescence Viability Assay for 3D Tumor Spheroids

3D cultures were treated with multiple drugs (17-AAG, Paclitaxel, TMZ or Doxorubicin) and stained for viability after 21 days.

Live / dead stains used were Calcein AM (green), Propidium Iodide (red) to measure live and dead cells on days 4, 7, 10, 14, and 17. Plates containing spheroids were imaged on Celigo imaging cytometer.





- 17-AAG decreased sphere size and caused the most significant cell death
- Paclitaxel decreased sphere size but maintained a significant number of live cells
- Temozolomide caused no significant decrease in sphere size and did not cause cell death
- Doxorubicin decreased sphere size and caused significant cell death



Spheroid diameter (black) and total live fluorescent intensity (green) after drug treatment.



Tumorsphere Formation Assay



These assays utilize Celigo's brightfield imaging mode and multiple quantification methods to obtain number and size of tumorspheres cultured in 96, 48, 24, 12, and 6-well microplates, as well as 60mm dish.





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Direct Cell Counting Assays for Immuno Therapy



Cytotoxicity assays play a central role in studying the function of immune effector cells such as cytolytic T lymphocytes (CTL) and natural killer (NK) cells. Traditionally, cytotoxicity assays have been performed using Chromium-51 (⁵¹Cr) and Calcein release assays.

The assays involve labeling tumor cells (target) with radioisotope or fluorescent dyes, when the target cells are subjected to CTLs or NK cells (effector) mediated killing, they release the entrapped labels into the media. The amount of released label in the media is measured to determine the level of cytotoxicity the effectors have induced.

A novel cytotoxicity assay using the Celigo imaging cytometer to directly count live, fluorescently labeled target cells has recently been introduced.

Celigo Imaging Cytometry for Direct Cell Counting ADCC Assay

- 1. Celigo Imaging Cytometer is a plate-based cytometer that can scan the entire well of standard microplates and captures bright-field and fluorescent images.
- 2. The captured images are analyzed with the Celigo software to measure size, morphology, cell count, confluence, and fluorescent intensity.
- 3. The measured parameters are used to generate cell proliferation kinetic data, GFP/RFP expression, tumor spheroid size change, DNA cell cycle analysis, apoptosis, and ADCC cytotoxicity results.



Direct Cell Counting Method using Calcein AM

- Uses Celigo to capture and analyze bright-field and green fluorescent images
- Target suspension and adherent cells are stained with Calcein AM and then mixed with the Effector cells
- The number of Target cells (Calcein+) are counted and monitored over time
- Reduction in Target cell number indicates cellmediated or antibody- dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC)

4. Celigo image cytometer produces whole well images for 96-, 384-well plates.



Fluorescent stains

- Fluorescent proteins GFP, RFP
- Calcein AM
- Cell tracer dyes CFSE

- CellTraceTM dyes
- Viability dyes PI, DAPI
- 5. Cell images are used by the Celigo software to count live tumor cells for each well.





6. Direct cell counts for each well are reported in the plate map format

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
А	2335	100	200	3325		1069	1614	1741	1602	2968	1115	2246
В												
С							1					6
D	2804		3818	4317	4143	4181	2836	2513	2704	3848	3044	3016
F	3087	3664	3877	4259	4366	4158	2745	2611	2649	3656	1481	3035
E	3502	3917 1999	4185	4354	4159	4024	2896	3174	3114	1793	3424	3340
1	3693	4367	4482	4379	4222	4086	3471	3657	3681	1776	3493	1527
G	3758	4003	4332	4336	4247	3836	3338	3514	3880	3670	3749	3303
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7. Each plate can be imaged multiple times during the killing process





8. Numerical data output into .CSV file with plate level readout.

Live Count	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	27	214	883	1454	2094	2895	1234	2040	2702	3400	4158	4856
В	69	548	1405	2535	3197	3342	2097	3223	4608	6457	7123	6857
С	92	431	1297	2272	3303	3729	2173	3418	4764	6273	7158	8091
D												
E												
F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
G												
н	3178	3442	4034	4056	3855	4119	9609	9458	9855	9836	9407	9418

9. Total cell count, live cell count, % live cell count and other parameters are generated for each well

General	
Scan Area Location:	C2
% Live:	3.14%
Live Count:	1954
Total Count:	62203
% Well Sampled:	100.00%
AVG Live Mean Intensity:	105.22
SD of Live Mean Intensity:	28.36
AVG Live Integrated Intensity:	15,178.03
SD of Live Integrated Intensity:	11,016.99
AVG Total Mean Intensity:	113.75
SD of Total Mean Intensity:	22.25
AVG Total Integrated Intensity:	3,897.03
SD of Total Integrated Intensity:	3,812.26





Quantification of Natural Killer Cell-Mediated Cytotoxicity Over 4 Hours with Multiple Time Point Measurement



Experiment Design

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:1	5:1	2.5:1	1.3:1	0.6:1	0.3:1	10:1	5:1	2.5:1	1.3:1	0.6:1	0.3:1
10:1	5:1	2.5:1	1.3:1	0.6:1	0.3:1	10:1	5:1	2.5:1	1.3:1	0.6:1	0.3:1
10:1	5:1	2.5:1	1.3:1	0.6:1	0.3:1	10:1	5:1	2.5:1	1.3:1	0.6:1	0.3:1
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		IMF	32					K56	52		
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- IMR32 (Adherent) and K562 (Suspension) target cells are used to demonstrate the NK Cell-mediated cytotoxicity detection method using Calcein AM staining for direct cell counting
- The Effector-to-Target (E:T) ratio will be 10:1, 5:1, 2.5:1, 1.3:1, 0.6:1, and 0.3:1
- The Maximum Release uses Triton X100 to lyse all cells and release the Calcein AM fluorescent molecules
- Live Target cells are automatically counted at each E:T ratio from t = 1 4 hours
- Cell images at 4 hours for K562 cells





E:T Ratio and Time Dependant Cytotoxicity of K562

- The example Calcein+ fluorescent images are the K562 Target cells at t = 4 hours
- The resulting fluorescent images showed increase in Calcein AM positive Target cells as E:T ratio decreased



- The live K562 suspension cells were directly measured using the Celigo
- The number of Calcein AM positive cells was counted at each hour and used to calculate the % lysis for each E:T Ratio
- By analyzing the time course data of K562, we can see that the % lysis difference between the E:T Ratios is much smaller in comparison to IMR32



- The live IMR32 adherent cells were directly measured using the Celigo without trypsinization
- The number of Calcein AM positive cells was counted at each hour and used to calculate the % lysis for each E:T Ratio
- By analyzing the time course data of IMR32, we can see that there is a large % lysis difference between the E:T Ratio





• Dead Effector cells (CFSE-PI+)



Antibody Concentration Dependent Cytotoxicity





Cytotoxicity Assay Using Bright-field Morphological Confluence Assay

Direct Cell Killing Effect with Drug Concentration Curve



- The captured images show an increase of cell confluence with increased drug dilution.
- Celigo software produces cell growth curves for each drug treated sample. (not shown here)



Confluence Measurements for a Multi-drug Cytotoxicity Assay

Drug treatment, concentration dependent cytotoxicity is represented by well level confluence measurement in a 384-well plate.

Green color indicates the level of confluence per well.



Traditional Methods vs. Natural Killer -Cell-Mediated Cytotoxicity Detection Methods

Traditional Cell-Mediated Cytotoxicity Detection Methods

Detection Method	Description	Existing Issues
Radioactivity Release	Measure release or radiolabels, 51Cr, 101In in the supernatant	Handling hazardous material and indirect measurement of cell death
Fluorescence Release	Measure release of Calcein AM fluorescent molecules in the supernatant	Indirect measurement of cell death, end- point assay only
LDH Release	Measure release of cytosolic enzyme in the supernatant	Indirect measurement of cell death, end- point assay only
Luciferase Reporter Assay	Measure luciferase as the cells die	Indirect measurement of cell death
Flow Cytometery	Measure number of viable cells and viability in the sample	Cannot perform in plates, must trypsinize for adherebt cells

Celigo Benefits for Direct Cell Counting ADCC

- Time-course tracking of % lysis can eliminate the need of multiple controls, and the effect of non-uniform cell seeding in the final cytotoxicity calculation.
- Adherent cells can be measured and analyzed directly in the plate without trypsinization.
- The number of cells used is significantly reduced compared to other release assays and Flow Cytometry, from 100,000 to 10,000 target cells.
- The visual observation of Cell-Mediated, ADCC, or CDC effect on tumor cells provides additional information on the functionality of antibodies or complements.

Celigo Assays for Immuno-Oncology

- Direct cell counting and confluence measurement using bright-field
 - Antibody-mediated cell killing (cell proliferation)
- Direct cell counting method using Calcein AM (or GFP, RFP)
 - NK cell-mediated cytotoxicity
 - NK ADCC
 - Neutrophil ADCC

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- CDC
- Direct cell counting method using tracer dye, fluorescent protein, viability dye
 - CIK ADCC
 - CAR T cell-mediated cytotoxicity



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