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Product Manual

# CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Haptotaxis Assay (8 µm, Fibronectin-Coated, Fluorometric Format)

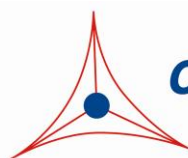
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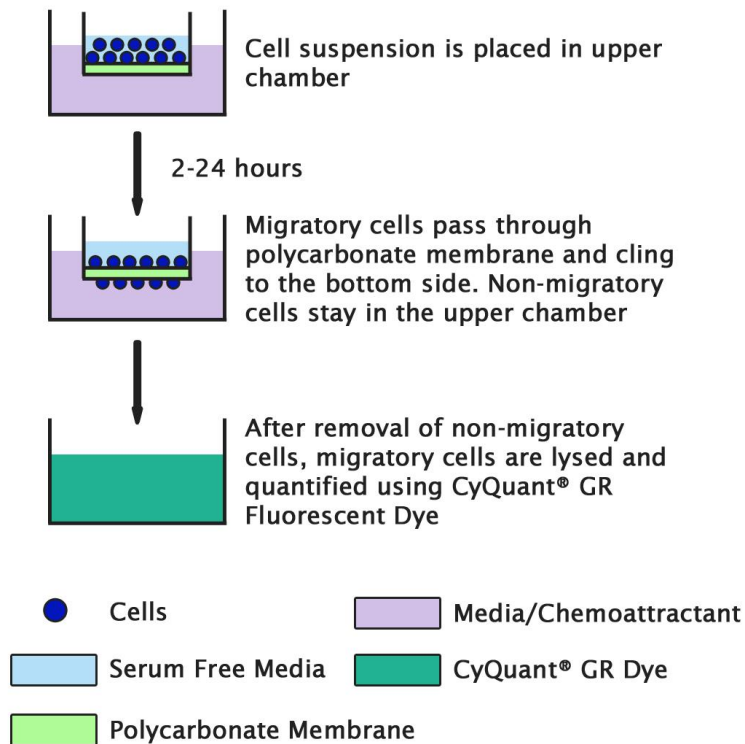
## **Introduction**

Cell migration is a highly integrated, multistep process that orchestrates embryonic morphogenesis, tissue repair and regeneration. It plays a pivotal role in the disease progression of cancer, atherosclerosis, and arthritis. The initial response of a cell to a migration-promoting agent is to polarize and extend protrusions in the direction of the attractant; these protrusions can consist of large, broad lamellipodia or spike-like filopodia. In either case, these protrusions are driven by actin polymerization and can be stabilized by extracellular matrix (ECM) adhesion or cell-cell interactions (via transmembrane receptors).

Cell Biolabs CytoSelect™ Cell Haptotaxis Assay Kit utilizes polycarbonate membrane inserts (8 µm pore size) to assay the migratory properties of cells, the bottom side of the insert is coated with human fibronectin. The kit contains sufficient reagents for the evaluation of 12 samples. The 8 µm pore size is optimal for epithelial and fibroblast cell migration. The kit does not require you to prelabel the cells with Calcein AM. Migratory cells are lysed and detected by the patented CyQuant® GR Dye.

The CytoSelect™ Cell Haptotaxis Assay Kit contains polycarbonate membrane inserts (8 µm pore size) in a 24-well plate. The membrane serves as a barrier to discriminate migratory cells from non-migratory cells. Migratory cells are able to extend protrusions towards the gradient of extracellular matrix density (via actin cytoskeleton reorganization) and ultimately pass through the pores of the polycarbonate membrane. Finally, the cells are removed from the top of the membrane and the migratory cells are lysed and detected by the patented CyQuant® GR Dye.

## **Assay Principle**



## **Related Products**

1. CBA-101-COL: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Haptotaxis Assay (Collagen I, Fluorometric)
2. CBA-101-C: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Migration Assay and Invasion Assay Combo Kit (8µm, Fluorometric)
3. CBA-102: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Migration Assay (5µm, Fluorometric)
4. CBA-106: CytoSelect™ 96-Well Cell Migration Assay (8µm, Fluorometric)
5. CBA-111: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Invasion Assay (Basement Membrane, Fluorometric)

## **Kit Components**

1. 24-well Migration Plate (Part No. 10001-FN): One 24-well plate containing 12 cell culture inserts (8 µm pore size, bottom side coated with human fibronectin)
2. 4X Lysis Buffer (Part No. 10102): One 5 mL bottle
3. CyQuant® GR Dye (Part No. 10103): One 25 µL tube
4. Cotton Swabs (Part No. 11004): 40 each
5. Forceps (Part No. 11005): One each

## **Materials Not Supplied**

1. Migratory cell lines
2. Cell culture medium
3. Serum free medium, such as DMEM containing 0.5% BSA, 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>
4. Cell culture incubator (37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere)
5. Light microscope
6. 96-well plate suitable for a fluorescence plate reader
7. Fluorescence plate reader

## **Storage**

Store all components at 4°C.

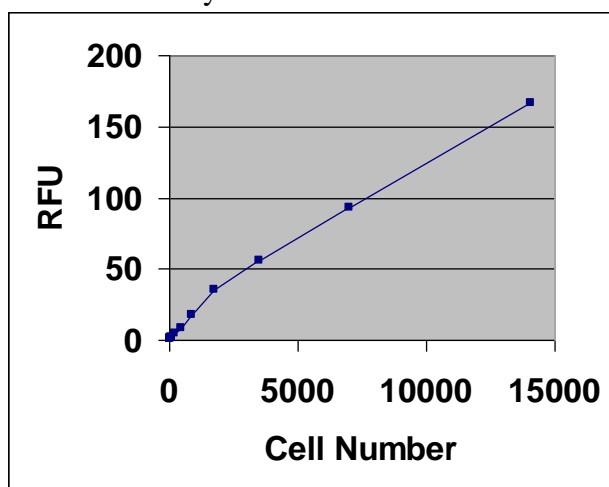
## **Assay Protocol**

1. Under sterile conditions, allow the 24-well migration plate to warm up at room temperature for 10 minutes.
2. Prepare a cell suspension containing 0.5-1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml in serum free media. Agents that inhibit or stimulate cell migration can be added directly to the cell suspension.  
*Note: Overnight starvation may be performed prior to running the assay*
3. Add 500 µL of media containing 10% fetal bovine serum or desired chemoattractant(s) to the lower well of the migration plate.

4. Add 300  $\mu$ L of the cell suspension solution to the inside of each insert.
5. Incubate for 2-24 hours in a cell culture incubator.
6. Carefully aspirate the media from the inside of the insert. Use cotton-tipped swabs to gently remove non-migratory cells from the interior of the inserts. Take care not to puncture the polycarbonate membrane. Be sure to remove cells on the inside perimeter.
7. Prepare sufficient 1X Lysis Buffer/CyQuant® GR dye solution for all samples by diluting the dye 1:300 in 1X Lysis Buffer (for example, add 900  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O to 300  $\mu$ L of 4X Lysis Buffer, then add 4  $\mu$ L dye to 1.2 mL of 1X Lysis Buffer).
8. Transfer the insert to a clean well containing 300  $\mu$ L of 1X Lysis Buffer/CyQuant® GR dye solution and incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature.
9. Transfer 200  $\mu$ L of the solution to a 96-well plate suitable for fluorescence measurement. Read fluorescence with a fluorescence plate reader at 480 nm/520 nm.

### **Example of Results**

The following figures demonstrate typical with the CytoSelect™ Cell Haptotaxis Assay Kit. One should use the data below for reference only. This data should not be used to interpret actual results.



**Figure 1: Quantitation of MDA-231.** MDA-231 cells were titrated in culture medium, then subsequently lysed and detected with 1X Lysis Buffer/Cyquant® GR Dye.

### **References**

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