Product Manual

CytoSelect™ 96-Well Cell Migration Assay (8 µm, Fluorometric Format)

Catalog Number

CBA-106	96 assays
CBA-106-5	5 x 96 assays

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Introduction

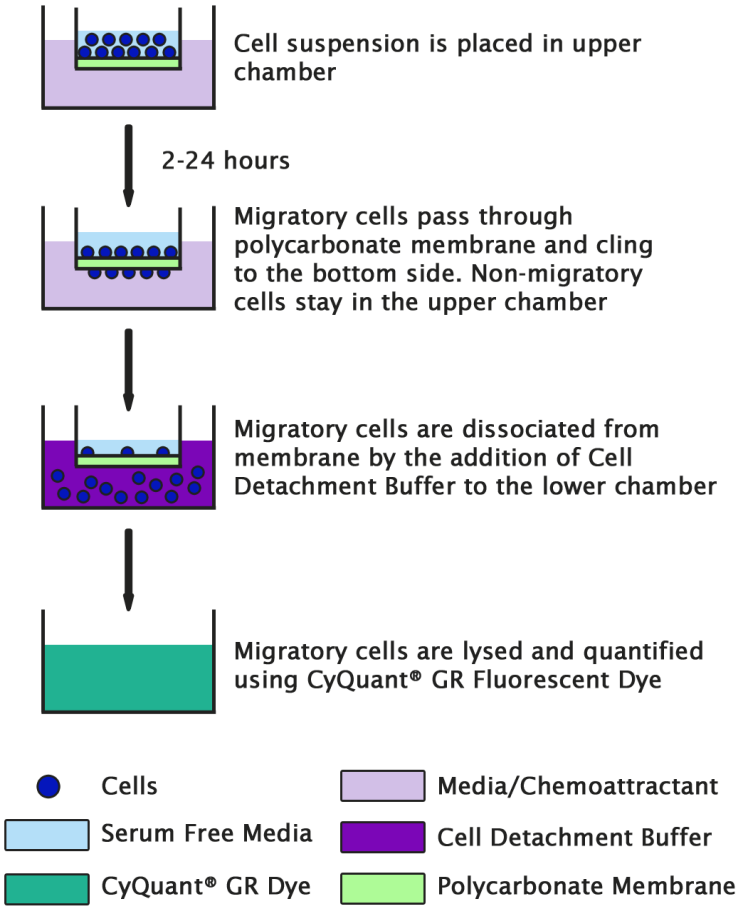
Cell migration is a highly integrated, multistep process that orchestrates embryonic morphogenesis, tissue repair and regeneration. It plays a pivotal role in the disease progression of cancer, atherosclerosis, and arthritis. The initial response of a cell to a migration-promoting agent is to polarize 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.

Cell Biolabs CytoSelect™ 96-well Cell Migration Assay Kit utilizes a polycarbonate membrane plate (8 µm pore size) to assay the migratory properties of cells. The kit does not require you to prelabel the cells with Calcein AM or remove non-migratory cells (i.e., cotton swabbing). Any migratory cells are first dissociated from the membrane, then lysed and detected with CyQuant® GR Dye.

Cell Biolabs CytoSelect™ 96-well Cell Migration Assay Kit provides a robust system for the quantitative determination of cell migration. The kit contains sufficient reagents for the evaluation of 96 samples. The 8 µm pore size is optimal for epithelial and fibroblast cell migration. However, in the case of leukocyte chemotaxis, a smaller pore size (3 µm) is recommended.

The CytoSelect™ Cell Migration Assay Kit contains a polycarbonate membrane chamber (8 µm pore size) in a 96-well plate. The membrane serves as a barrier to discriminate migratory cells from non-migratory cells. Migratory cells are able to extend protrusions towards chemoattractants (via actin cytoskeleton reorganization) and ultimately pass through the pores of the polycarbonate membrane. These migratory cells are then dissociated from the membrane and subsequently detected with CyQuant® GR Dye.

Assay Principle



Related Products

1. CBA-101: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Migration Assay (8µm, Fluorometric)
2. CBA-102: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Migration Assay (5µm, Fluorometric)
3. CBA-103: CytoSelect™ 24-Well Cell Migration Assay (3µm, Fluorometric)
4. CBA-104: CytoSelect™ 96-Well Cell Migration Assay (3µm, Fluorometric)
5. CBA-105: CytoSelect™ 96-Well Cell Migration Assay (5µm, Fluorometric)

Kit Components (shipped at room temperature)

1. 96-well Cell Migration Plate (Part No. 10601): One sterile 96-well plate (see Figure 1 for components)
2. 96-well Cell Harvesting Tray (Part No. 10402): One 96-well tray
3. Cell Detachment Solution (Part No. 10403): One 20 mL bottle
4. 4X Lysis Buffer (Part No. 10404): One 10 mL bottle
5. CyQuant® GR Dye (Part No. 10105): One 75 µL tube

Materials Not Supplied

1. Migratory cell lines
2. Cell culture medium
3. Serum free medium, such as DMEM containing 0.5% BSA, 2 mM $CaCl_2$ and 2 mM $MgCl_2$
4. FBS or desired chemoattractant
5. Cell culture incubator (37ºC, 5% CO_2 atmosphere)
6. Light microscope
7. 96-well plate suitable for a fluorescence plate reader
8. Fluorescence plate reader

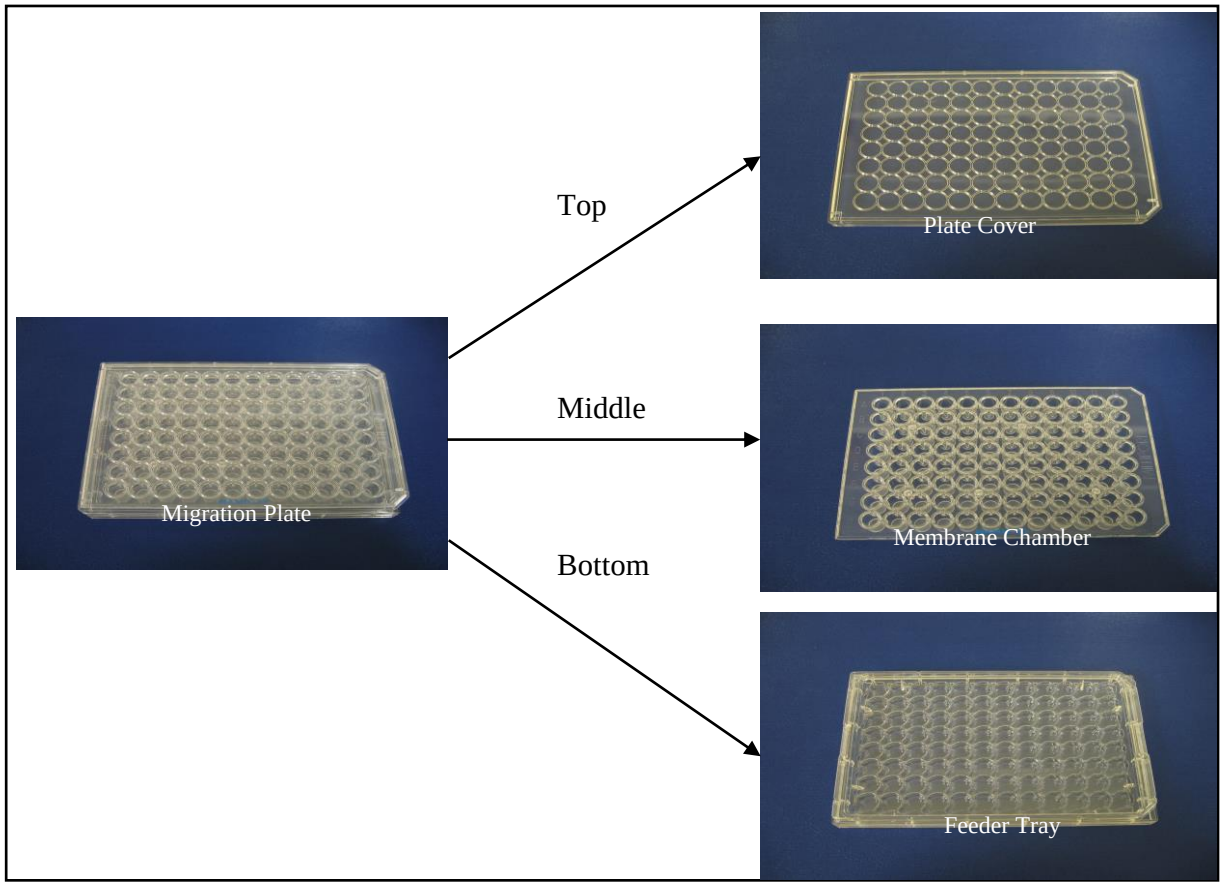


Figure 1: **Components of the 96-well Cell Migration Plate.**

Storage

Store all components at 4ºC.

Assay Protocol

1. Allow the 96-well Migration Plate to warm up at room temperature for 10 minutes.
2. Prepare a cell suspension containing 0.1-1.0 x 10^6 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. Under sterile conditions, separate the cover and membrane chamber from the 96-well Migration Plate.
4. Add 150 µL of media containing 10% fetal bovine serum or desired chemoattractant(s) to the wells of the feeder tray.
5. Place the membrane chamber back into the feeder tray (containing chemoattractant solution). **Ensure no bubbles are trapped under the membrane.**
6. Gently mix the cell suspension (without chemoattractant) from step 2 and add 100 µL to the membrane chamber.
7. Finally, cover the plate and transfer to a cell culture incubator for 2-24 hours.
8. Just prior to the end of the incubation, pipette 150 µL of prewarmed Cell Detachment Solution into wells of the clean, 96-Well Cell Harvesting Tray (provided).
9. Carefully remove the 96-well Migration Plate from the incubator. Separate the membrane chamber from the feeder tray.
10. Remove the cells/media from the top side of the membrane chamber by aspirating or inverting. Place the membrane chamber into the Cell Harvesting Tray containing 150 µL of Cell Detachment Solution (step 8). Incubate 30 minutes at 37ºC.
11. Completely dislodge the cells from the underside of the membrane by gently tilting the membrane chamber several times in the Cell Detachment Solution.
12. Prepare sufficient 4X Lysis Buffer/CyQuant® GR dye solution for all samples by diluting the dye 1:75 in 4X Lysis Buffer (for example, add 5 µL dye to 370 µL of 4X Lysis Buffer).
13. Add 50 µL of 4X Lysis Buffer/CyQuant® GR dye solution to each well (already containing 150 µL of Cell Detachment Solution). Incubate 20 minutes at room temperature.
14. Transfer 150 µL of the mixture to a 96-well plate suitable for fluorescence measurement. Read the fluorescence with a fluorescence plate reader at 480 nm/520 nm.

Example of Results

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

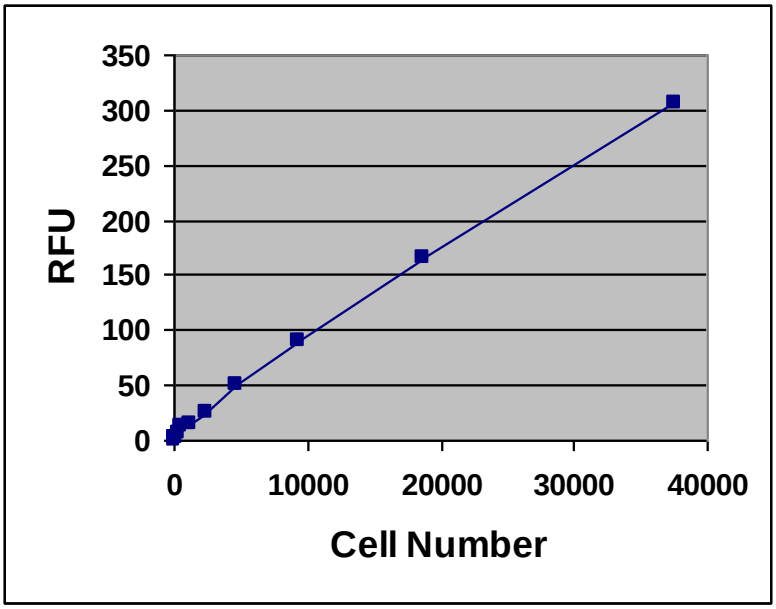


Figure 2: **Quantitation of Human HT-1080**. HT-1080 cells were titrated in Cell Detachment Buffer, then subsequently lysed and detected with 4X Lysis Buffer/Cyquant® GR Dye (150 µL cell suspension was mixed with 50 µL of 4X Lysis Buffer/dye).

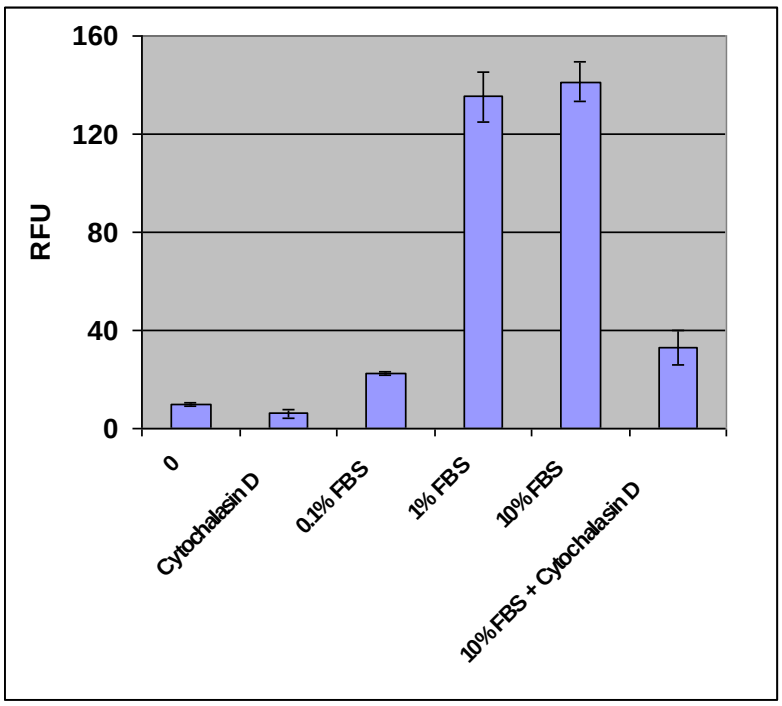


Figure 3: HT-1080 Chemotaxis. HT-1080 cells were allowed to migrate toward FBS for 4 hrs in the presence or absence of 2 µM Cytochalasin D, 30,000 cells were used in each assay. Migratory cells on the bottom of the polycarbonate membrane were detached and quantified by CyQuant® GR Dye as described in the Assay Protocol.

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