

Toxicology Testing by Flow Cytometry





In Vivo
Micronucleus
Investigate DNA damage



Human
Micronucleus
Study DNA damage
in human subjects



In Vivo Pig-a
Gene Mutation
Measure mutation
using animal models



In Vitro
Micronucleus
Explore DNA damage
using cells in culture



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Content Assays
Analyze multiple endpoints
using cells in culture

In Vivo Micronucleus Analysis

Measuring DNA Damage in Red Blood Cells



The Micronucleus Test

Exposure to a test substance can result in damage to the chromosomes or spindle apparatus of cells. During routine cell division, this type of damage can create a smaller 'micro'-nucleus, apart from the main nucleus. When red blood cells mature the main nucleus is expelled. Micronuclei remain behind and can easily be seen in a cell with no other DNA. This makes red blood cells ideal for measuring this endpoint.

MicroFlow Kits

In Vivo MicroFlow kits use flow cytometry to quickly and reproducibly measure micronuclei. Whether you prefer shipping samples to us, or analyzing them yourself with your own in-house flow cytometer, we have a solution for you.



FEATURES

Gold Standard Method

A large number of chemicals has been evaluated with this internationally validated method.

Flow Cytometry

Fast, reproducible results that take advantage of laser-based technologies.

Includes Calibration Standards

Malaria Biostandards, with Positive and Negative Controls, ensure proper flow cytometric setup.

• QC'd Kits, Unlimited Technical Support

Everything you need to successfully perform the method is included in the box or available for download!



BENEFITS

Accepted by Regulatory Agencies

GLP studies can be performed either at your facility or using Litron's experienced scientists.

Complete More Studies in Less Time

Routinely score 20,000 cells per sample and analyze an entire study in one day!

Provides Reproducible Data

Calibration standards ensure confidence in your results across days and between laboratories.

Feel Confident

Speak with the scientists who developed this method. Send plots, email, or call with questions!



SPECIES AND COMPARTMENTS

- Mouse or Rat
- Blood or Bone Marrow
- · For others species, please inquire

ADVANTAGES OF PERIPHERAL BLOOD

- Allows each subject to be sampled multiple times
- Easily integrates into existing toxicology studies
- Requires very low sample volumes
- Reduces the number of animals in your studies



Human Micronucleus Analysis

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Disclaimer

MicroFlow analysis of human blood is for Research Use Only (RUO) and has not been approved, cleared, validated or intended for clinical diagnostic use or to serve as a basis for individual patient management.



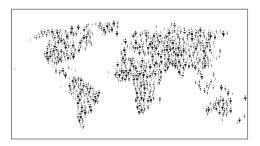
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- Requires Minimal Amounts of Blood Collect approximately 120 µl of blood per sample.
- Takes Advantage of Magnetic Columns
 Enrich samples by separating young and old RBCs.
- Includes Calibration Standards
 Malaria Biostandards ensure proper flow cytometric setup.
- Analysis by Flow Cytometry
 Automated scoring provides objective and reproducible data.



BENEFITS

- Easily Integrate with Existing Studies
 Use with epidemiological studies or clinical
 trials.
- Measure Very Rare Events
 This the first time this endpoint has been available for routine use!
- Provides Reproducible Data
 Calibration standards ensure confidence in your results.
- Fast Turn Around, Reliable Results
 Get your data as soon as possible using laser-based technology.



INVESTIGATE POPULATION TRENDS

- Clinical Research
- Environmental exposure
- Post-market surveillance
- Workplace safety
- Other epidemiological studies

I WANT TO MEASURE MICRONUCLEI IN HUMAN BLOOD. CAN YOU HELP ME?

Yes. Blood samples can be shipped to us for flow cytometric analysis. For more information, please contact us.



In Vitro Micronucleus Analysis

Measuring DNA Damage in Cell Cultures



The Micronucleus Test

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MicroFlow Kits

In Vitro MicroFlow kits use flow cytometry to quickly and reproducibly measure micronuclei. The key element of this method is the sequential staining. One staining step identifies dead and dying cells. The second step lyses cells and stains DNA. This approach allows you to distinguish micronuclei from other events, such as apoptotic bodies.



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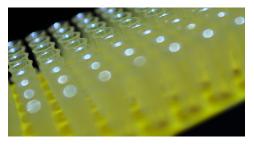
- Automated Scoring by Flow Cytometry Templates and example data are provided.
- Compatible with Many Cell Lines
 With CHO-K1 cells, obtain frequency of
 hypodiploid nuclei.
- Miniaturized Format
 Compatible with 96 well plates, as well as auto-samplers and robotics.
- QC'd Kits, Unlimited Technical Support
 Everything you need to successfully perform
 the method is included in the box or available
 for download!



BENEFITS

- Reliable and Reproducible Data
 Reduce errors and get objective results you can
 trust.
- Detects Multiple Modes of Action
 Determine if your compounds are aneugenic or clastogenic.
- Reduces Time & Compound Requirements
 Hundreds of samples analyzed in a few hours.
 Eliminates tech time with "walk away" analysis.
- Feel Confident

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ATTACHMENT OR SUSPENSION CELLS

- L5178Y
- CHO-K1
- TK6
- V79
- WIL-2
- HEPG2

HIGH CONTENT ANALYSIS

- Mode of Action
- Cell cycle
- Relative Survival
- Membrane integrity



In Vivo Mutation Analysis

Measuring DNA Damage at the Pig-a Locus



The In Vivo Pig-a Gene Mutation Test

This test detects mutations at the *Pig-a* gene. These mutations prevent GPI anchors from forming. Without these anchors, specific markers on the exterior of cells will not be present. This assay measures the frequency of cells without these surface markers, also known as "*Pig-a* mutant cells".

MutaFlow Kits

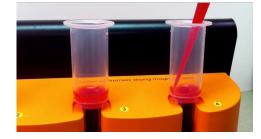
In Vivo MutaFlow kits use flow cytometry to quickly and reproducibly measure Pig-a mutant cells. Samples may be shipped to Litron, or you can analyze them yourself with your own in-house flow cytometer.



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- Use Any Mouse or Rat Strain
 Mutation data are now easy to obtain and afford.
- Magnetic Separation
 Enrichment increases the number of RETs analyzed per sample.
- Compatible With Most Flow Cytometers
 May also be used with automated samplers.
- QC'd Kits, Unlimited Technical Support Everything you need to successfully perform

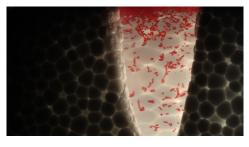
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BENEFITS

- Routine Mutation Data Now Possible
 No transgenic animals required. This is the
 first method that allows in vivo mutation to
 be routinely measured!
- Acquire Information Quickly
 Score several million RETs in just a few minutes, and obtain data from up to 50 samples in one day!
- Establish Method In-House
 Automated, walk-away analysis can significantly decrease time at the flow.
- Feel Confident

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SPECIES AND COMPARTMENTS

- Rat blood
- Mouse blood
- For other species, please inquire

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In Vitro High Content Assays

Measuring Multiple Endpoints in One Step



High Content Analyses

Exposure to a test substance can cause toxicity such as DNA damage and apoptosis. Study multiple endpoints associated with this type of damage, including: γ H2AX as a measure of DNA double strand breaks, phospho-histone H3 to label mitotic cells, cleaved PARP as an apoptosis marker, and p53 as an indicator of genotoxic stress.

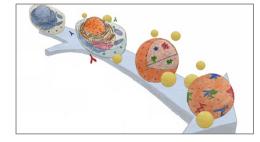
The MultiFlow® Family of Kits

The MultiFlow family of kits were developed from the ground up to be simple and efficient. With this method, you can now liberate nuclei, stain nucleic acids, and label nuclear epitopes all in the same step. After a brief incubation period, samples are ready for flow cytometric analysis.



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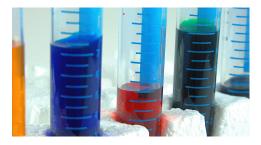
- One Step, Multiple Endpoints
 Flexible method addresses different pathways
 and events.
- Low Compound Requirements Perform analyses in 96-well plates.
- No Washes Required
 Add-and-read format lyses cells and stains nuclei in one step.
- QC'd Kits, Unlimited Technical Support Everything you need to successfully perform the method is included in the box or available for download!



BENEFITS

- Easy to Use Multiplexed Assay
 High information content yields Mode of Action
 data.
- Place Anywhere In Your Pipeline
 Use as a screening tool or a follow up to a positive result.
- Fast Results, Reliable Data
 Speed up your work with efficient, rapid processing and analysis.
- Feel Confident

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AVAILABLE KITS

Every MultiFlow kit provides cell density, proliferation and cytotoxicity information.

Single Antibody Kits also measure:

- Double-strand DNA breaks using yH2AX
- Genotoxic stress using nuclear p53
- Mitotic cells using phospho-histone H3
- · Apoptosis using cleaved-PARP
- More kits under development

Multiple Antibody Kits also measure:

- p53, γH2AX, and phospho-histone H3 (for detection of nuclear p53, double-strand DNA breaks, and mitotic cells)
- Cleaved-PARP, yH2AX and phospho-histone H3 (for detection of apoptosis, double-strand DNA breaks, and mitotic cells)
- p53, yH2AX, phospho-histone H3, and Cleaved-PARP (for detection of nuclear p53, double-strand DNA breaks, mitotic cells, and apoptosis)



We want you to succeed!

Our overriding goal is for you to have a great experience with our kits. For this reason, we offer unlimited technical support and access to the same scientists who developed these methods!

Discuss Your Study Design

Whether you are selecting appropriate doses, working through logistics, or deciding on the best experimental design, our scientists are always here to give you feedback and help ensure your study goes well.

Send Us Your Plots

It can be extremely useful to have experienced eyes looking at your flow cytometer plots. Our scientists have more experience with these methods than anyone in the world and are always willing to help resolve any questions you may have.

Consider Training

Our experts travel around the world, training scientists on the most effective way to use these methods. Whether you come to our lab, or we come to you, we are available to help you one-on-one.

About Litron

Litron has spent the last 40 years providing critical data to pharmaceutical, medical device, government and contract research organizations around the world. With a laser focus on DNA damage and other toxic effects, we develop state-of-the-art flow cytometric methods to solve challenging problems for the toxicology industry.

Vision

Our vision is to transform the toxicology industry by developing the most advanced testing methods in the world. We focus on innovation to help our clients ensure the safety of their products.

Mission

Our mission is to protect human health by creating the best research tools available for evaluating the effects of toxic compounds.

Values

OUR CLIENTS

deserve quality products that help them achieve their goals.

OUR TEAM

is made up of talented, motivated individuals who are given the opportunity to innovate and make a difference in the world.

OUR MANAGEMENT

takes a long-term view of opportunities and invests for the future.

OUR WORKPLACE

focuses on exceptional results while at the same time achieving a healthy work-life balance.



