Product Manual

CytoSelect™ WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Reagent

Catalog Number

CBA-253 **960 assays in 96-well plate format**

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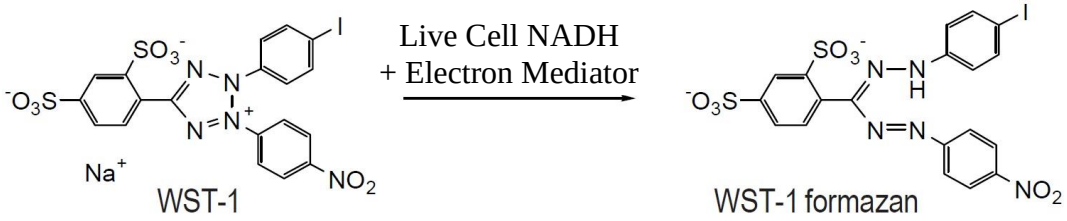
Introduction

The measurement and monitoring of cell proliferation is an essential technique in any laboratory focused on cell-based research. This skill allows for the optimization of cell culture conditions as well as the determination of cytokine, growth factor, or hormone activity. More importantly, the cytostatic nature of anticancer compounds in toxicology testing, the efficacy of therapeutic chemicals in drug screening, and cell-mediated cytotoxicity can all be assessed through the quantification and monitoring of cell proliferation.

Cell proliferation characteristics include cellular metabolic activity and cell membrane integrity. One method for measuring metabolic activity is to incubate the cells with a tetrazolium salt such as MTT, which is cleaved into a colored formazan product by metabolically active cells. Similarly, the green fluorescent dye Calcein AM can measure intracellular esterase activity in proliferating live cells, which is another indicator of cell viability.

Cell Biolabs' CytoSelect™ WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Reagent provides a colorimetric format for measuring and monitoring cell proliferation. The 10 mL volume is sufficient for the evaluation of 960 assays in ten 96-well plates or 192 assays in eight 24-well plates. Cells can be plated and then treated with compounds or agents that affect proliferation. Cells are then detected with the proliferation reagent, which is converted in live cells from WST-1 to the formazan form in the presence of cellular NADH and an electron mediator.



An increase in cell proliferation is accompanied by increased signal, while a decrease in cell proliferation (and signal) can indicate the toxic effects of compounds or suboptimal culture conditions. The assay principles are basic and can be applied to most eukaryotic cell lines, including adherent and non-adherent cells and certain tissues. This cell proliferation reagent can be used to detect proliferation in bacteria, yeast, fungi, protozoa as well as cultured mammalian and piscine cells.

Related Products

1. CBA-230: Cellular Senescence Assay Kit (SA-β-gal Staining)
2. CBA-231: 96-Well Cellular Senescence Assay (SA β-Gal Activity)
3. CBA-232: Quantitative Cellular Senescence Assay (SA β-Gal)
4. CBA-240: Cell Viability and Cytotoxicity Assay

Materials Not Supplied

1. Cells for measuring proliferation
2. Cell culture medium
3. 24-well or 96-well clear cell culture plates.

Storage

CytoSelect™ WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Reagent is a clear, slightly red, ready-to-use solution. Aliquot as needed to avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles and store at -20°C protected from light for up to 1 year from date of receipt. If precipitates or turbidity are observed upon thawing, warm the solution to 37°C for 5–10 minutes and agitate to dissolve the precipitates.

Assay Protocol

1. Prepare a cell suspension containing 0.1-1.0 x 10^6 cells/ml in medium.
2. Add 100 µL of cell suspension per well to a 96-well cell culture plate or 500 µL per well to a 24-well cell culture plate with or without the compound to be tested. Culture the cells for 24-96 hours at 37°C and 5% CO_2 in a humidified incubator.
3. Add 10 µL of the CytoSelect™ WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Reagent to each well if using a 96-well plate, or 50 µL to each well of a 24-well plate.
4. Incubate the plate at 37°C and 5% CO_2 for 0.5 to 4 hours.
5. Read absorbance using 450 nm as the primary wave length.

Example of Results

The following figure demonstrates typical results with the CytoSelect™ WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Reagent. One should use the data below for reference only. This data should not be used to interpret actual results.

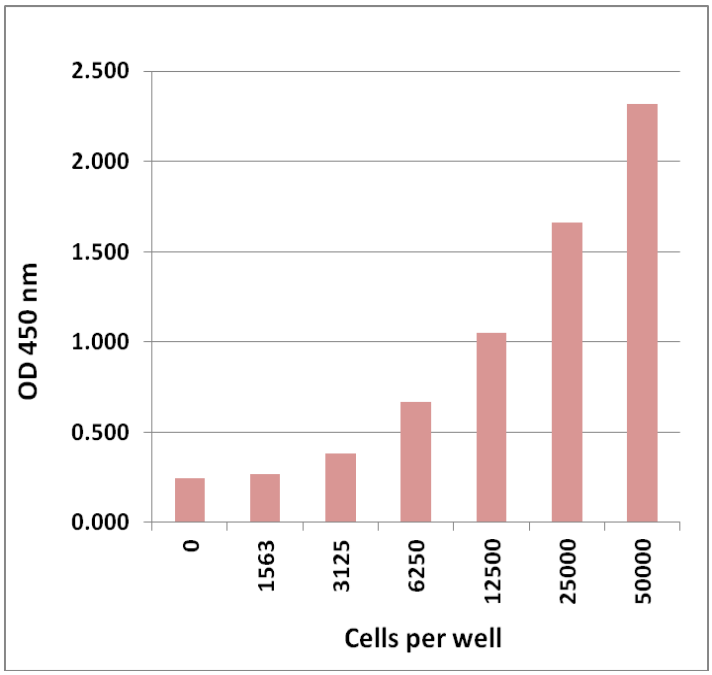


Figure 1. Human HEK 293 Cell Density. HEK 293 cells were seeded at various densities as indicated above and allowed to grow for 24 hours. After adding the CytoSelect™ Cell Proliferation Assay Reagent, cells were then incubated for 2 hours at 37ºC and 5% CO_2.

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