

Three-Dimensional Cell Culture

Three-dimensional (3D) cell culture is more physiologically relevant than traditional adherent or single-cell culture methods. It provides a better representation of the in vivo microenvironment¹ and is widely thought to be more predictive of disease state and drug response.

AggreWell[™] for 3D Spheroid Production

AggreWell[™] plates provide an easy method to produce large numbers of 3D spheroids. Each well contains a standardized array of microwells, allowing the production of large numbers of spheroids in a single well. The size of spheroids generated in AggreWell[™] is highly uniform and can be easily modified by adjusting the cell seeding concentration.

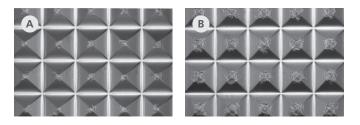


Figure 1. Spheroids Generated in AggreWell™ Plates

Starting from a single-cell suspension, cells form spheroids after 24-48 hours in AggreWell™. Shown are prostate cancer (DU145) spheroids in AggreWell™400 plates (A) 100 cells per microwell and (B) 500 cells per microwell.



Why Use AggreWell™?

HIGH YIELD. Generate up to 5,900 spheroids per well.

REPRODUCIBLE. Obtain large numbers of uniform-sized spheroids.

EASY TO USE. Simple spheroid generation from a single-cell suspension.

COMPATIBLE. Use with a variety of cell types.

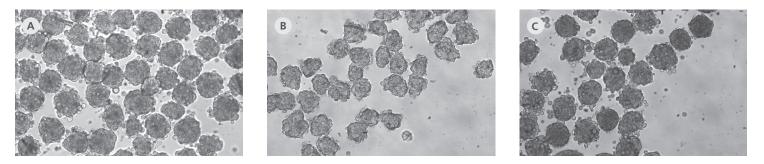
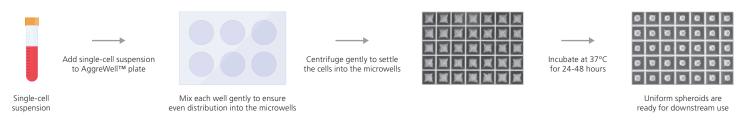


Figure 2. Cancer Spheriods Generated Using AggreWell™ Are Uniform in Size and Shape

(A) Colon cancer cell line HT29. (B) Prostate cancer cell line LNCap. (C) Esophageal cancer cell line TE6. All spheroids were seeded at 100 cells per microwell. Images are shown at 10X magnification. Images courtesy of Golsa Razian and Mark Ungrin, University of Calgary.



Formation of Spheroids in AggreWell™



AggreWell[™] plates are available in 2 sizes of microwells and multiple plate formats to fit your research needs.

Product	Microwell Size	Cell Range	Plate Format	Number of Spheroids	Catalog #
AggreWell™400	400 µm	50 - 3,000 cells per spheroid	24-well plate	~ 1,200 per well	34411/34415
			6-well plate	~ 5,900 per well	34421/34425
AggreWell™800	800 µm	3,000 - 20,000 cells per spheroid	24-well plate	~ 300 per well	34811/34815
			6-well plate	~ 1,500 per well	34821/34825

Note: AggreWell[™] Rinsing Solution (Catalog #07010) is required for use with AggreWell[™] plates to ensure optimal performance.

AggreWell[™] has been used in a variety of applications, including:

- Cancer research²⁻⁶
- Disease modeling⁷⁻⁸
- Cell signaling⁹⁻¹⁰
- 3D tissue generation and cell differentiation¹¹⁻¹⁵
- Modeling embryonic development¹⁶⁻¹⁸
- Drug delivery¹⁹⁻²²
- Bioprocess design²³
- Suspension culture of traditionally anchorage-dependent cells²⁴⁻²⁶

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