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Confocal Quantitative Image Cytometer

Cell Voyager CQ1

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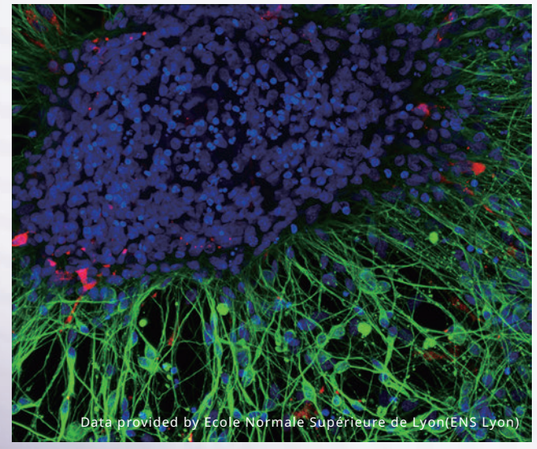
Summary

Cell Voyager CQ1 offers

Confocal Quantitative Image Cytometer

a new approach to cell measurement

Clear 3D images obtained from confocal microscopes have been enabling advancements in cell biology research for many years.
This imaging technology combined with population analysis now provides a significant advancement for cytometry.
The CQ1 enables clear 3D imaging, object recognition, and rapid quantification of live cells and cell clusters.
The data from the images help in the understanding, and enhance the reliability of data.
CQ1 is equipped with a high-performance stage incubator which enables long-term live imaging in combination with Yokogawa's unique cell-friendly imaging technology.
The Yokogawa CQ1 is an easy-to-use, all-in-one confocal microscope at an affordable price.
The CQ1 comes with a number of configurable options and can be integrated into a fully automated screening system.



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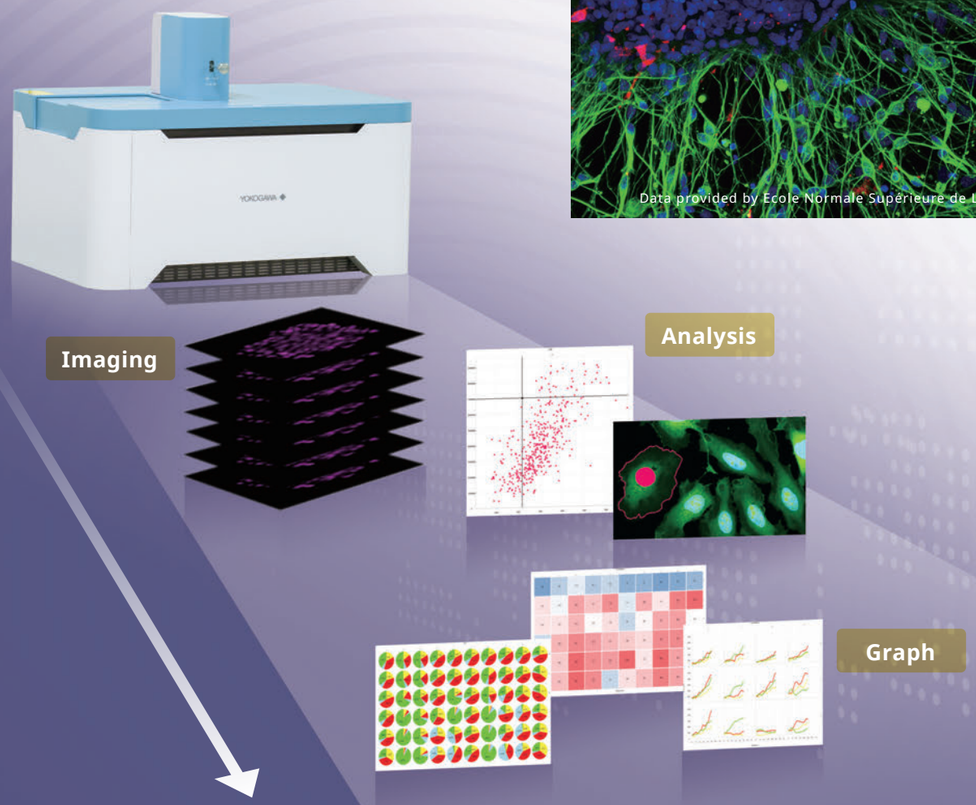


Raise your high-content analytics to the next level!

Enables measurement of spheroids, colonies and tissue sections.

- Possible to measure cells in culture dishes without preprocessing such as cell detachment, unlike a flow cytometer
- Thanks to Yokogawa technology, the confocal disk, 3D images are acquired rapidly and gently
- Max.10 colors emission with 4 colors excitation and transmission illumination imaging
- Live cell chamber and time-lapse measurements
- Accurate feature extraction to facilitate sophisticated cell analysis
- Wide FOV with tiling function ensures effortless imaging of large samples

Compact footprint, lightweight bench-top system; no darkrooms needed

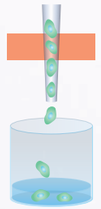
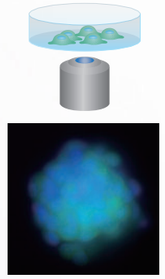
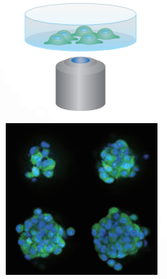
Offers similar capabilities as flow cytometry

- Analyzed data displayed in real-time with image acquisition (On the fly analysis)
- Application protocols guided by templates
- Ability to trace back to the original image from a data point in a graph and to remeasure
- All-in-one system with easy operation

Open platform

- Output FCS/CSV/ICE data format readable by third-party data analysis software
- Connectable with external systems via a plate handling robot
- A variety of cell culture and sample vessels are applicable

Contrast of measurement methods

Flow cytometer	Non-confocal imaging system	Confocal imaging system
•Cell detachment treatment is necessary. •Risk of damaging to cell		
		
Unable to re-measure nor confirm by image	Imaging is difficult if a sample is thick.	3D imaging of thick sample **In addition, CQ1 is high-throughput and gentle with cells.**

Example of setup

Multiple Functions Fully Integrated in a Compact Box

Cell Voyager CQ1 — Confocal Quantitative Image Cytometer

Microscope Unit

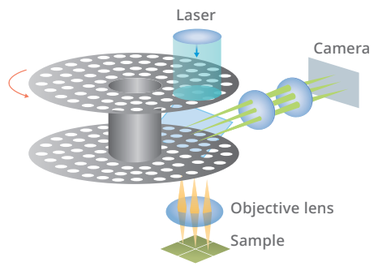
Maximal performance objective lens (super apochromat) and the widest field/ highest-resolution sCMOS camera achieve high-throughput measurements of submicron sample.

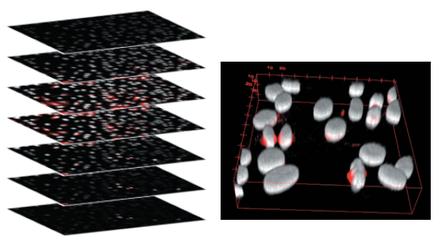
Emission Filter

Up to 10 Emission filters can be mounted. Measurement of multiple markers can be achieved in just one experiment.

Confocal Scanner Unit

Multi-beam scan by “Microlens enhanced dual Nipkow disk confocal” achieve high-throughput 2D/ 3D imaging with minimum damage to samples.

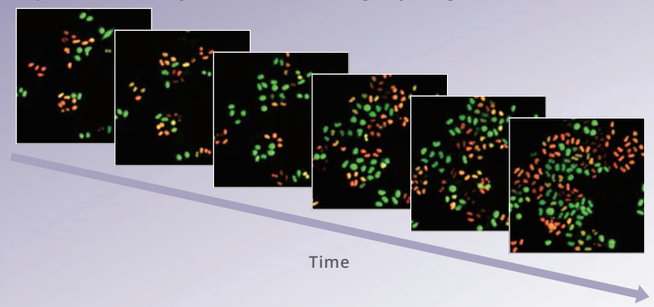




Example: Cell cycle measurement of cancer cells

Stage Incubator

The stage heater controls the temperature, humidity, and CO_2 / O_2 concentration of the sample environment to maintain the incubation environment and makes possible time-lapse imaging.
Time-lapse imaging for up to 72 hours in combination with the dedicated gas mixer (Long-time model).By using 3D time-lapse imaging, detailed reactions of intracellular organelles and dynamic movements such as cell migration can be captured and analyzed without missing anything.



Stage Heater*1

NEW!

Gas Mixer (Option)
Long-time model

Fast Time Lapse Function

NEW!

Capable of capturing up to 100 images per second (100 fps).
It makes possible to capture high-speed phenomena that were previously difficult to capture.

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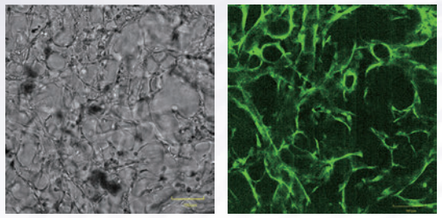

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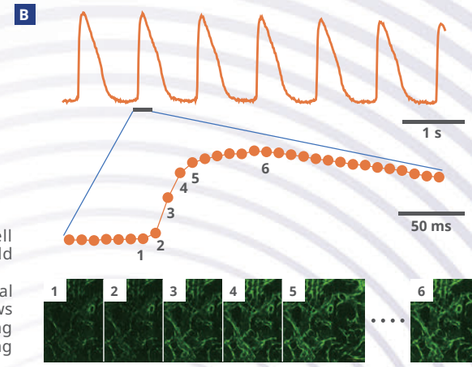
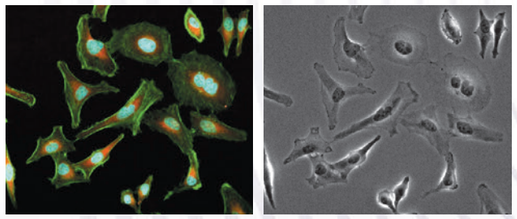


A: iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes in culture on a gelatin fiber substrate for cell culture (Genocell® Myocardial Evaluation Plate, Japan Wool) Co. Bright-field image (left), stained with calcium-sensitive fluorescent dye (right).
B: Calcium signal waveform fluctuating periodically in response to myocardial pulsation (upper panel). High-speed imaging at 100 frames per second allows the fast-rising portions of the waveform to be captured at a sufficient sampling frequency. High-speed imaging at 100 frames per second allows the fast-rising portions of the waveform to be captured at a sufficient sampling frequency.

Light Sources

Up to 4 laser sources for confocal imaging can be installed. Also, light source for phase contrast and bright field imaging is installed as a standard function, which is extremely useful when confirming sample shapes.



Sample vessels

Imaging with a variety of containers is possible.

Microplate

35 mm dish*1

60 mm dish*1

Slide glass*1

Cover glass chamber*1

*1 Option

Set the protocol and One Click! -Easy & Universal Software-

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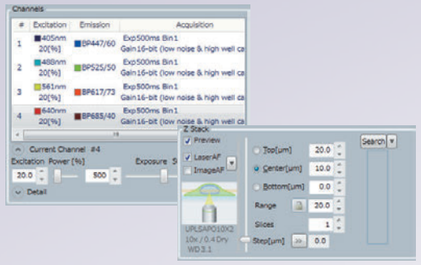
START!

Sample Loading

Step 1 Acquisition Setting

Set wells, fields, focus, color, time-interval of imaging.



Step 2 Acquiring

Images of samples are acquired full-automatically by set condition.

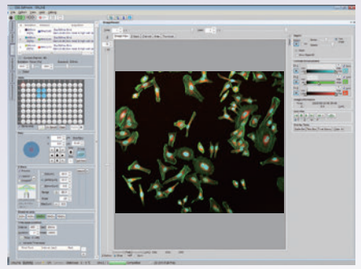
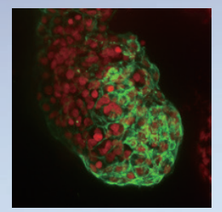


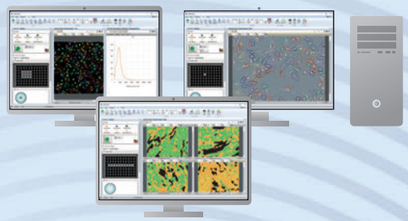
Image Data

Beautiful confocal images can be used for your presentation, documentation and so on*1.
Also, images can be loaded to third party*2 analysis software.



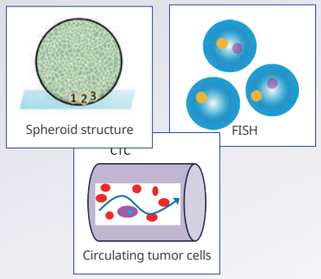
Analysis Data

CellPathfinder allows for more advanced analysis

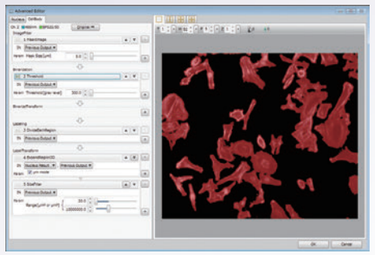


Step 3 Recognition, Analysis Setting

Set image recognition parameters and extract the structures to be recognized.



Various analysis templates are prepared. Complicated settings are not needed.



Also, detail recognition/ analysis condition can be set by users.

Automatic Measurement

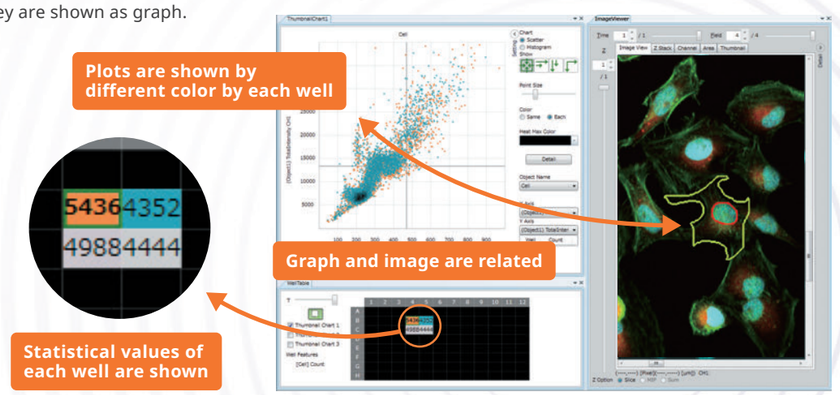
1 Click!

Initiate imaging and analysis with one click.

GOAL!

Image Analysis, Result Output

Attribute of extracted structures (size, intensity, location and so on) are quantified and they are shown as graph.

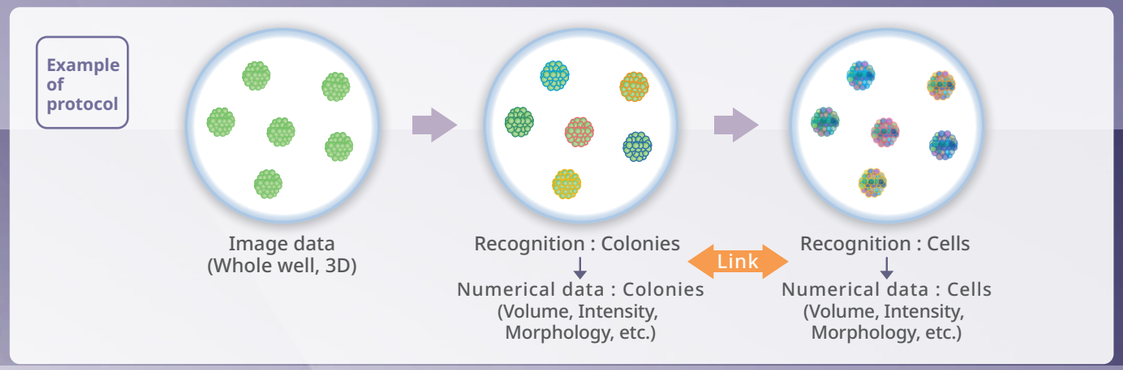


*1: Output by PNG, JPG or 8bit-TIFF format *2: Output by OME-TIFF format

Measurement example

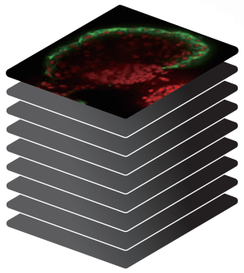
Let's start the easiest 3D Measurement!

The CQ1 stands as the premier solution for 3D measurement systems.
It offers straightforward cell identification, precise colony counting,
and intricate colony property analysis. Moreover,
it provides comprehensive well plate imaging and analysis capabilities.

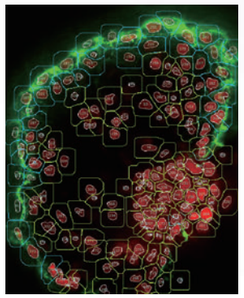


Quality control

High-speed · High resolution · 3D · Multi-color



Slice images



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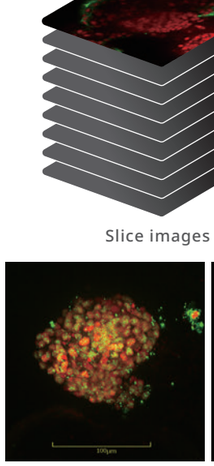

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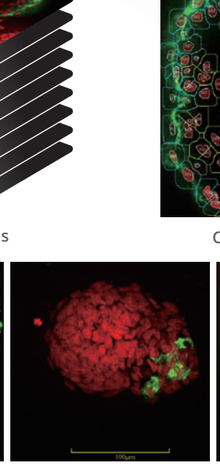
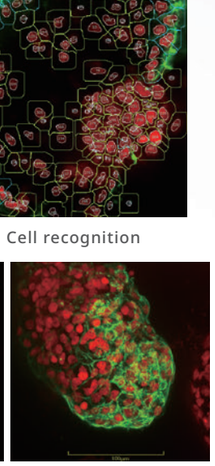


Partially differentiated



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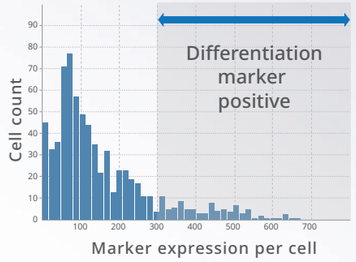
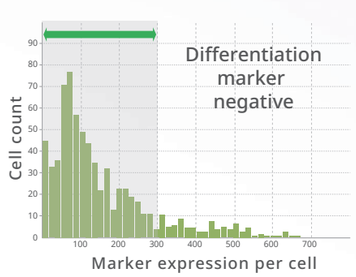
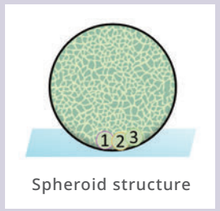




Aggregated cell images were taken in slices and presented in 3D.
Marker expression level as well as spatial information of individual cells were quantified via image analysis.



Spheroid structure

Template

Spheroid structure

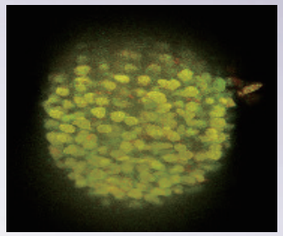
Cell-by-cell measurement of aggregated cells like spheroids.

Applications

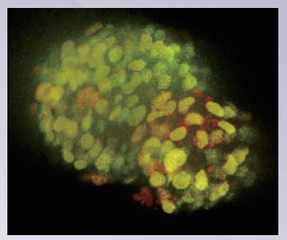
- Spheroids
- Differentiation

Quality control

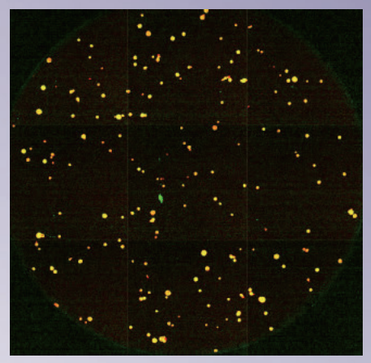
High-speed · High resolution · 3D · Multi-color



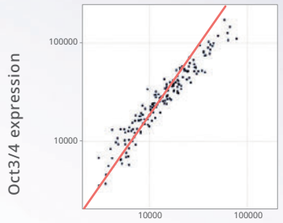
Uniform pluripotent state

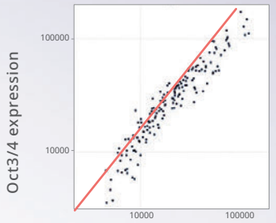


Non-uniform sphere



Whole well tile image

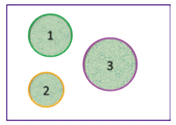




The larger the total DNA content per sphere (equivalent to sphere size) or area, the lower the ratio of undifferentiated cells tends to be. The sphere shape can also be used for evaluation.

Examining the relationship between the sphere shape and the pluripotency marker expression level is a suitable index for the qualitative evaluation of human iPSC spheres. It is also possible to confirm the validity of conventional quality assessment by area.

Data provided by ReproCell



Colony measurement.

Template

Colony measurement

Cell-by-cell measurement of aggregated cells like spheroids

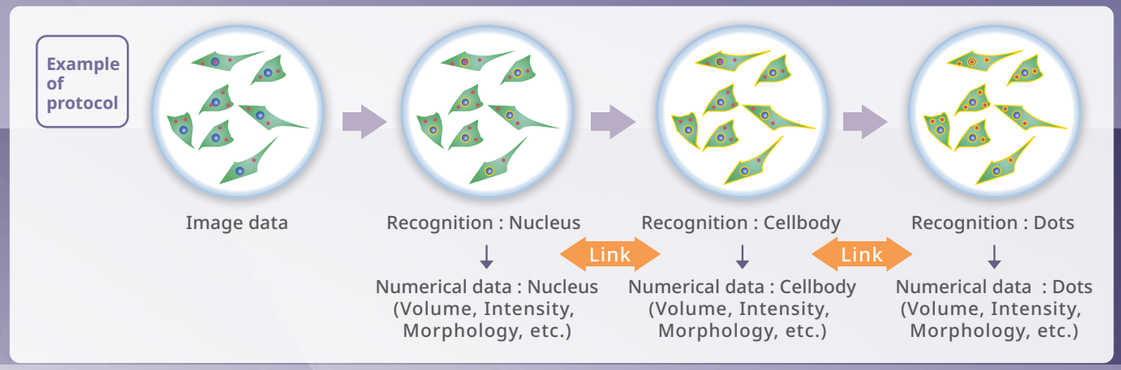
Applications

- Colony growth evaluation
- Differentiation

Measurement example

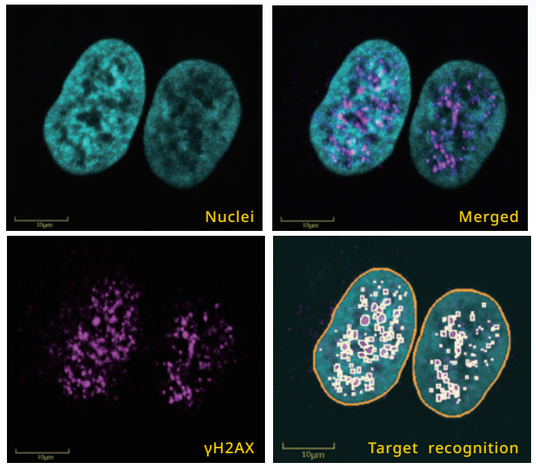
Dive Deeper into Analysis!

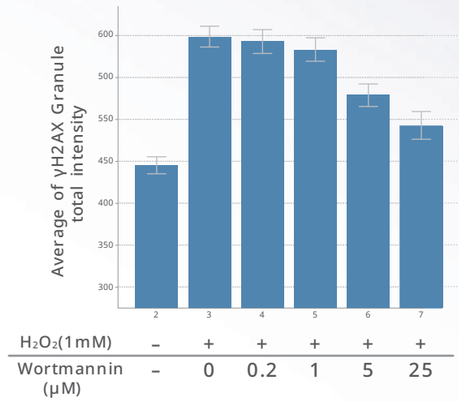
High-quality confocal images from the CQ1 can be used for more detailed image analysis.
Morphology change, particle analysis and other
High Content Analysis that require high-resolution images.
The CQ1 can also output image and numerical data, so it can be used
as a confocal microscope and as a screening system for various applications.



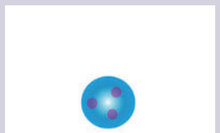
Analysis: gamma-H2AX focus formation

Quantitative | High resolution





The phosphorylation of histone H2AX Ser139 (gamma-H2AX) is one of the significant events upon the breakage of double-strand DNA. Quantitative measurement of gamma-H2AX focus formation can be easily performed by using the high-speed confocal image acquisition in combination with the Granule Analysis Template.


Dots in Nucleus

Template

Dots in Nucleus

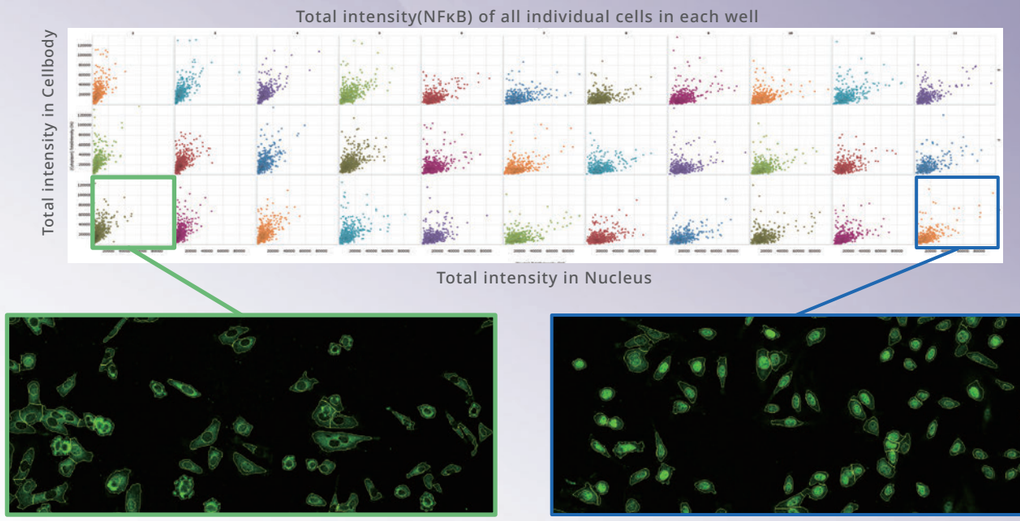
Measurements of dots in cytoplasm and nuclei
Precise separation of individual dots by the confocal unit

Applications

- FISH
- GPCR

Nuclear translocation

Quantitative | High resolution



Well with high concentrations of NFkB in cytoplasm

Well with high concentrations of NFkB in Nuclei

NFκB is one of the famous transcription factors of DNA. NFκB plays a key role in regulating the immune response and inflammation and is attracting attention as a tumor therapy and anti-inflammatory drug target. NFκB is located in the cytoplasm with IκB which is inhibitory protein. Once the signaling pathway is activated by cytokine stimulation via cell membrane receptors, NFkB is activated as a consequence of the dissociation of IkB. Then NFκB translocate into the nucleus to bind specific sequence of DNA, which induce inflammation. Nucleus and intracellular NFκB level indicates protein level between cytoplasm and nucleus.


Nucleus and Cytoplasm

Template

Nucleus and Cytoplasm

Measurements of nuclei and cytoplasm
Precise separation of localization by the confocal unit

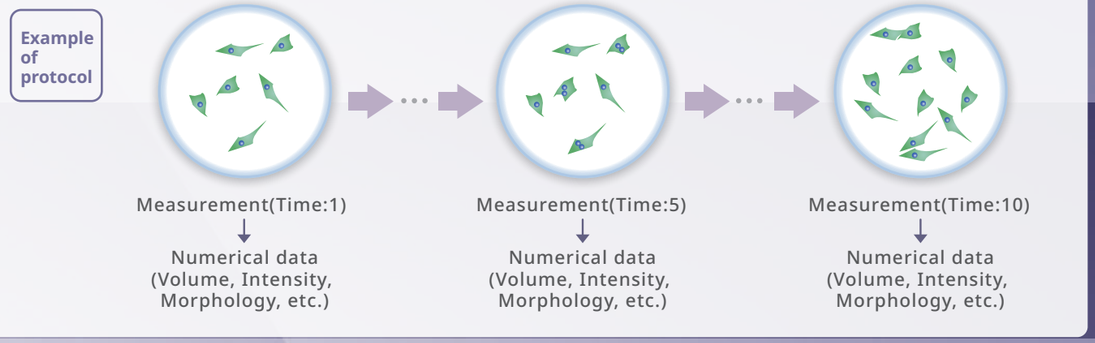
Applications

- Nuclear translocation
- Membrane translocation

Measurement example

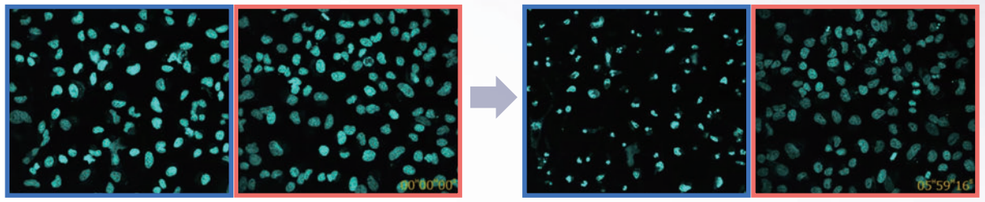
Try time lapse imaging!

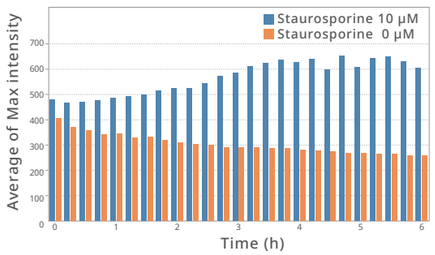
Keep cells happier in an incubator to see how they react live.
The CQ1 is installed with Yokogawa's proprietary technology CSU,
which is very gentle to cells and limits or reduces photobleaching and phototoxicity.
Long-term time lapse is possible while minimizing the effects of multiple measurements.

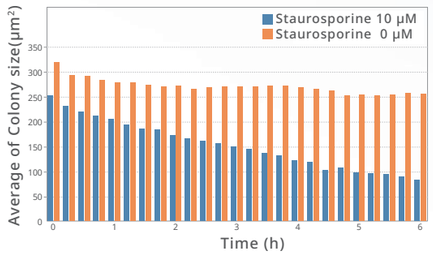


Time lapse analysis: Apoptosis

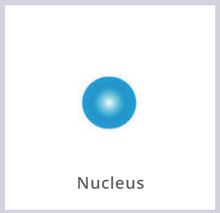
Time-lapse Quantitative







Spread HeLa cells to 96well microplate with 10,000 cells/well.
Stain with Hoechst 33342 (1 μg/ml, 30 min, 37 °C) and treat with Staurosporine (0 - 10μM) and capture image every 15 min. Recognize DNA fragmentation area of nuclei at Staurosporine 10 μM treatment.



Template

Nucleus

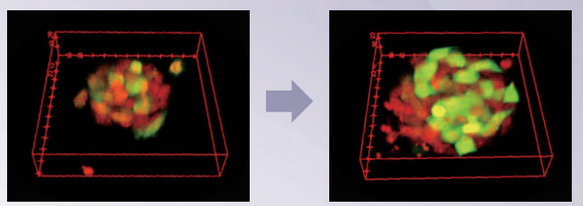
Measurements of Volume, Intensity and Morphology

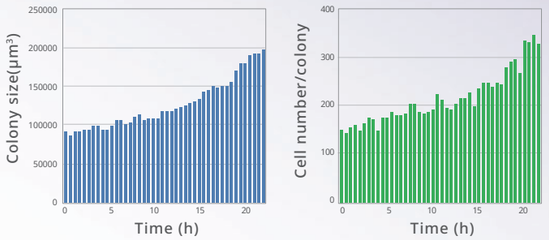
Applications

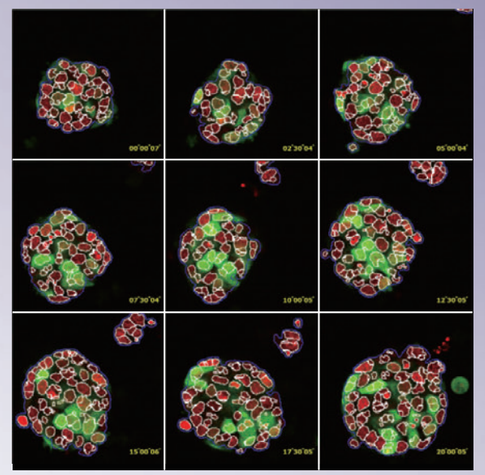
- Cellcycle
- Apoptosis

Time lapse analysis: ESC colony

Time-lapse Quantitative 3D Multi-color



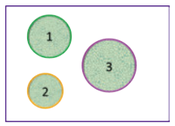




3D imaging(Z=11)
Cells were cultured in CellASIC®(Merck Millipore)

Time-lapse analysis of colony size and individual cells allow to monitor colony formation state. CQ1's image can perform image acquisition with low photo-toxicity.

Data provided by Kyoji Horie,ph.D, Physiology II, Nara Medical University



Template

Colony measurement

Time course measurement allows monitoring of cell colony growth

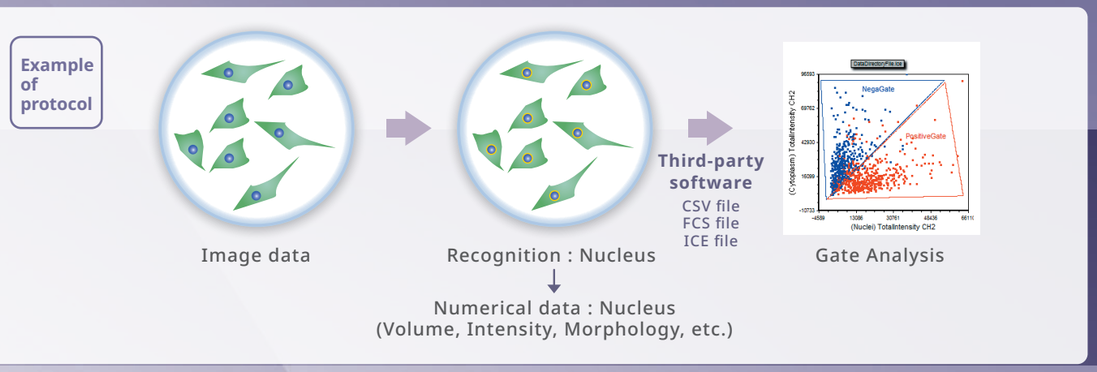
Applications

- Cell colony growth
- Differentiation

Measurement example

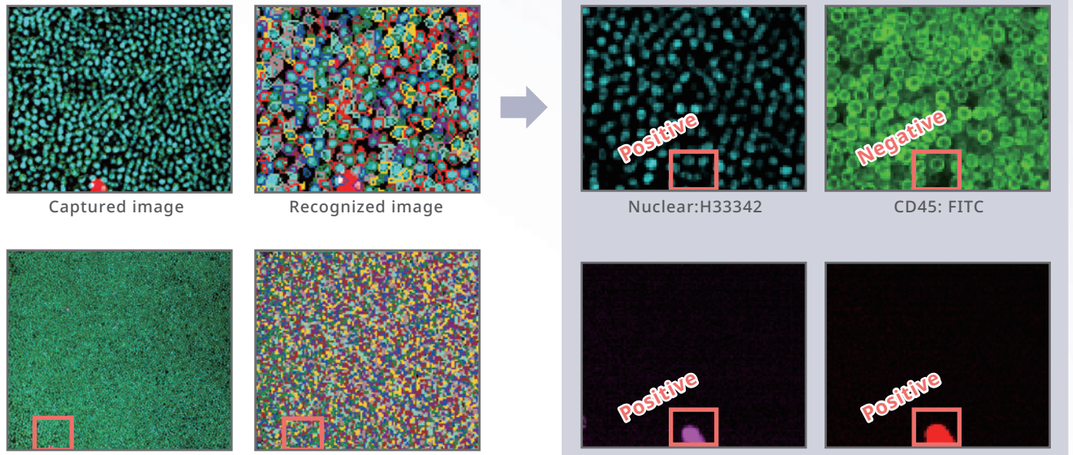
Want to try the measurement again...

Capture cell images directly in the culture plate,
eliminating the need for single-cell suspension preparations.
Seamlessly transition between diverse measurements using the same sample.
With integrated image and analysis data,
even the most subtle differences become discernible.



CTC (Circulating tumor cells)

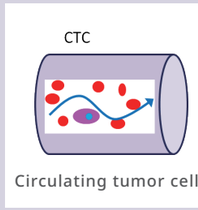
High-speed Quantitative Multi-color



Total cells (count)	113443
CTCs (count)	2 (0.001%)

Example of CTC quantitate (spiking experiment). CTC : CD45 is only Negative.
Data provided by Yusuke Tomita, Min-Jung Lee, Jane B Trepel , Developmental Therapeutics Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892 USA

CTCs are tumor cells which circulate in peripheral blood. Developed tumors metastasize through the bloodstream and lymph fluid. Therefore, tumor cells exist in the bloodstream when metastasis occurs. The detection of CTCs makes it possible to diagnose recurrence and metastasis at an early tumor stage. CTCs numbers are very small as only less than 100 CTCs are contained in more than $1x10^6$ of blood cells in 10 ml of cancer patient's blood. Therefore it is difficult to detect CTCs with a flow cytometer because they detect CTCs as noise. However, it is very easy to detect rare CTCs with an Image cytometer.



Circulating tumor cells

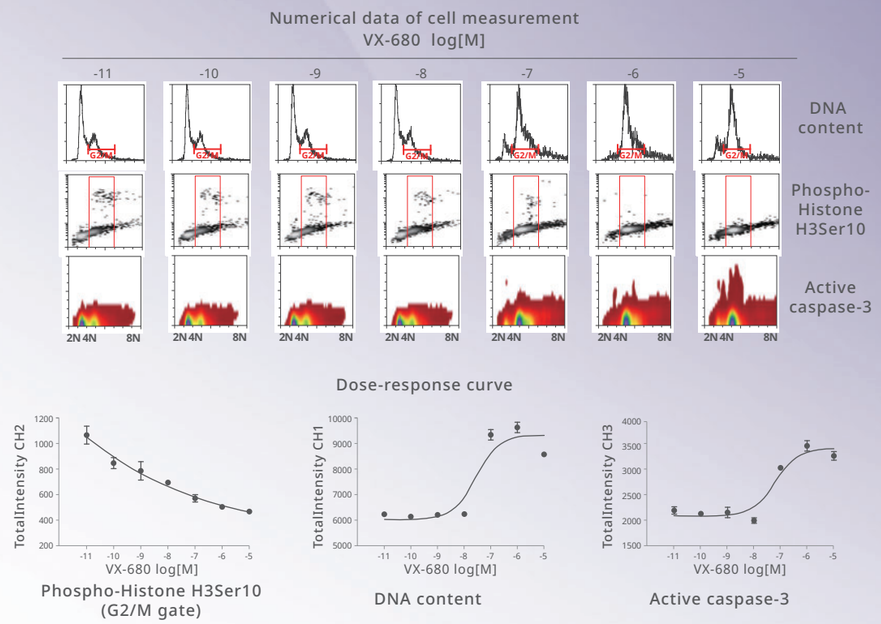
Template

CTC

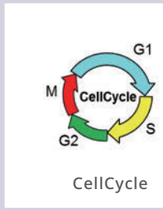
You can detect multiple marker expression of the cell. Not only for circulating tumor cells, but also for the other specific marker can be detected.

Cell cycle analysis: M-phase inhibitor

High-speed Quantitative



Cell cycle analysis in relation to H3Ser10P immunofluorescence by utilizing the CQ1's multi-color channel capabilities. Histone molecules are phosphorylated during cell cycle progression with phosphorylation of the 10th serine of histone H3 being one of the well characterized events of late-G2 to M progression.



CellCycle

Template

CellCycle

You can detect cell cycle to verify drug treatment efficiency. This is available by the flow cytometer, but CQ1 can analyze more items which typical at the image cytometer.

Analysis example

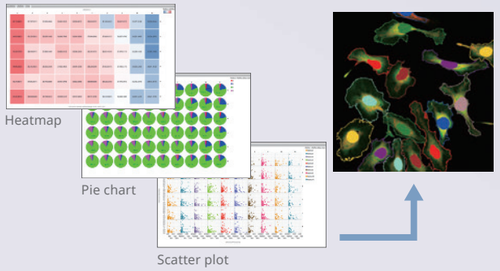
Make analysis easier!

NEW!

Introducing CellPathfinder : our cutting-edge analysis software crafted to effortlessly process vast amounts of image data from varied perspectives, culminating in a visually captivating graphical display. Enhanced by machine learning capabilities, the novel Deep Learning feature profoundly elevates target recognition. This makes it an indispensable tool not just for bright field image analysis, but also for intricate tasks like 3D culture systems and live cell imaging.

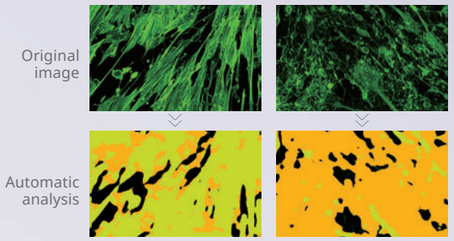
Fast results for immediate verification and study

Computed numeric data can be displayed in a variety of ways. Graph plots and cell images are linked, making for easy result verification and inquiry



Unbiased phenotype evaluation via AI

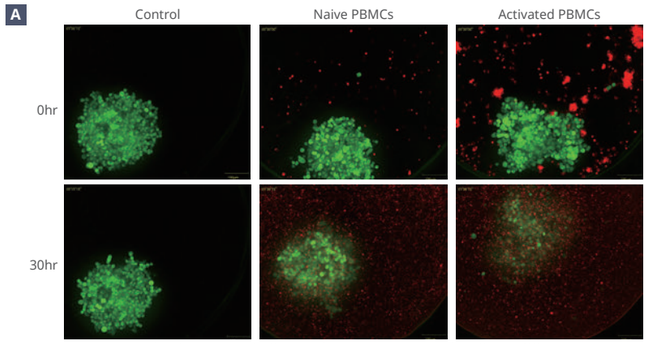
Machine-learning also provides bias-free digitization of visually-evaluated experiments. Automatic recognition is made possible simply by clicking the shape you want the software to learn.

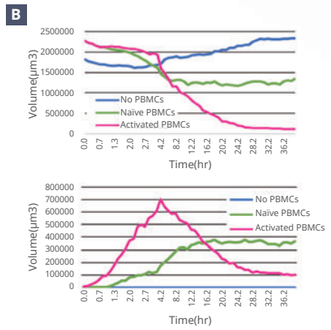


Immuno-Oncology

– Immune-cell infiltration into Tumor Microtissue –

Time lapse | Quantitative | Multi-color





A. Merged images of 488 nm and 640 nm of each condition after 0 and 30 hrs.
A 3D tumor microtissue treated with the activated PBMCs was destructed 30hrs later.
B. Top: The volume of 3D tumor microtissue.
Bottom: The total volume of immune cells touching to the 3D tumor microtissue.

Objective lens: 20x / Ex: 488 nm (A549-GFP), 640 nm (CellMask™)
Time lapse: 39 hrs at 10 min interval (timepoint 1-20) and 60 min interval (timepoint 20-56)

Wardwell-Swanson, J., Suzuki, M., et al., A Framework for Optimizing High Content Imaging of 3D Models for Drug Discovery. SL AS Discovery. 2020, Aug;25(7): 709-722

inSphero Biomimetic Microtissue Technology

3D tumor microtissues, comprised of A549-GFP (human lung cancer) cells, were exposed to either naïve or CD3/CD28-activated immune cells labeled with CellMask™ Deep Red. Time-lapse imaging was performed for 39 hours.

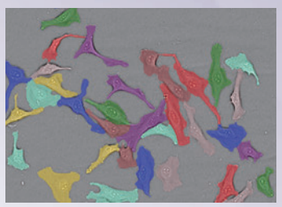
Deep Learning

Deep Learning

No expertise in image analysis required. Save time for creating analysis protocols

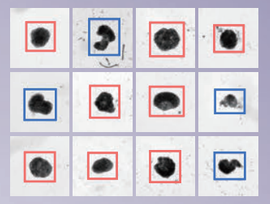
Cell Recognition : Deep Area Finder

You can recognize targeted objects, such as cells and intracellular organelles by painting them using not only fluorescence images but also bright-field images. This function is useful when the analysis accuracy with conventional analysis methods are not enough.



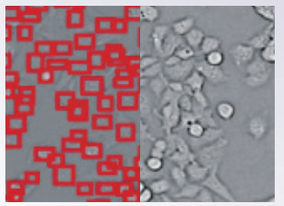
Cell Classification : Deep Image Gate

You can classify phenotypes that are difficult to quantify but appear to be "something different". Simple operation of selecting the cell groups to be classified. No need to select effective features or set thresholds.



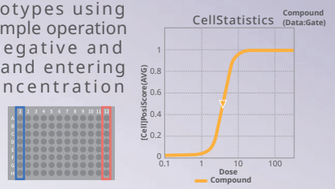
Cell Counts : Deep Detection

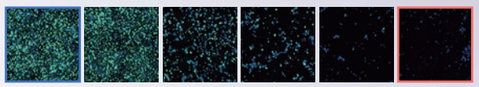
This function detects cells with simple operation of enclosing cells. No expertise is required. It is possible to count cells in high-density on bright-field images as well as fluorescence images.



EC50/IC50 Calculation : Deep Image Response

This function enables comprehensive quantification of complex phenotypes using whole images. Simple operation of selecting negative and positive wells and entering compound concentration information. Any protocol to segment cells is not necessary.





Application:Measurement of inhibition of osteoclast differentiation

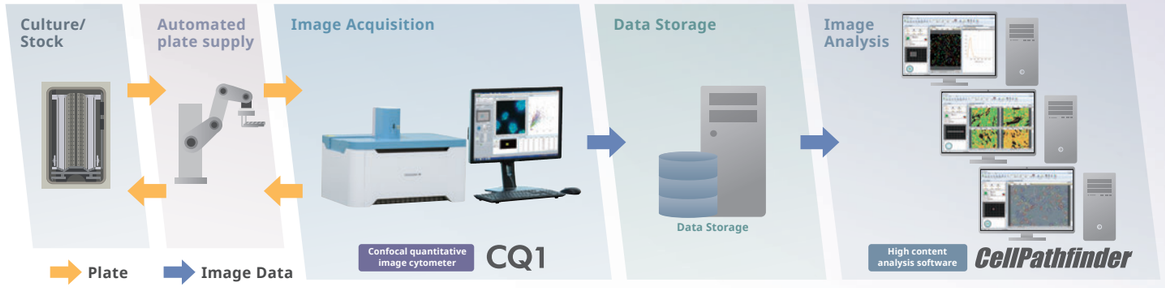
RANKL was added to RAW 264.7 cells to promote their differentiation into osteoclasts, and differentiated cells were detected by TRAP staining. Stained cells were acquired using CellVoyager (CQ1, CV8000), and the images of differentiated osteoclasts were learned by the Deep Learning function and quantitatively analyzed. This enables efficient searching for foods, cosmetics, and medicines that are effective in inhibiting osteoclast differentiation and measurement of their efficacy.

System integration

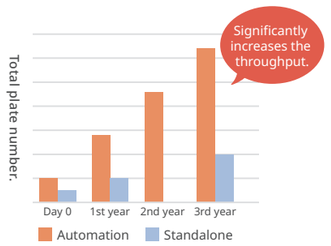
CQ1 in Integrated Automation

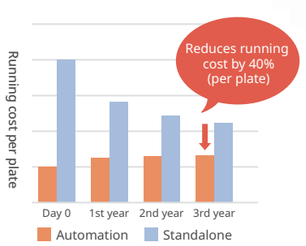
Embrace the transformative power of the automated CQ1 system.
It's a game-changer for your research. Beyond merely enhancing throughput,
it substantially minimizes human error by diminishing the need for manual intervention.
Most notably, it ensures a consistent experimental environment,
providing stability even in live screenings where results have historically been unpredictable.

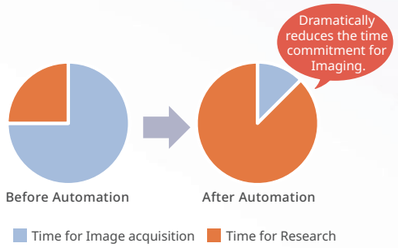
System Integration



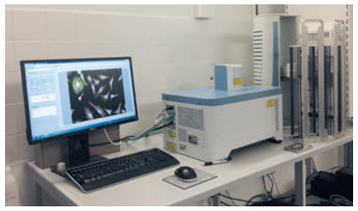
Benefits of Robotic automation



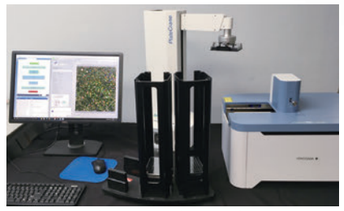




Robot automation not only reduces the running cost, it also saves labor and significantly reduces the time required to complete a project. This not only shortens the imaging and screening cycle, but also allows researchers to focus on their own research.



CQ1 and incubator system integration
Components:incubator,plate stacker, barcode reader, plate handler robot
Data provided by :Dr. Manuel Kaulich, University Hospital Frankfurt, Goethe University



CQ1 and stacker system integration
Components:plate stacker, plate handler robot

Automation companies which have installed CQ1

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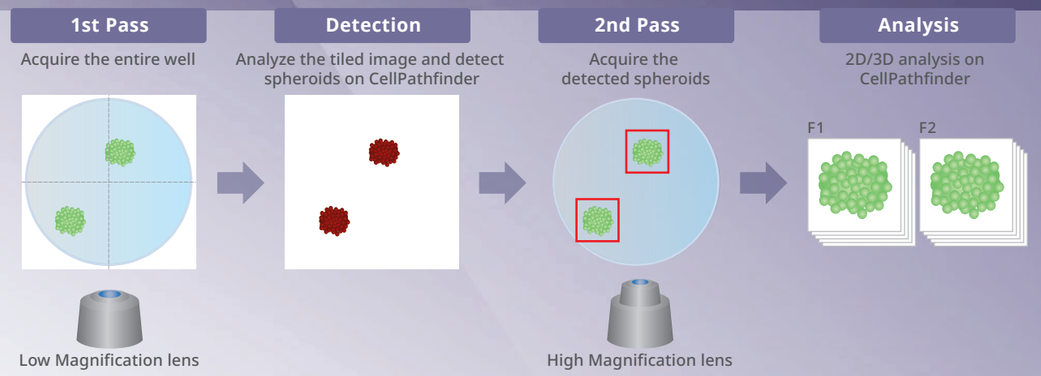
Hudson Robotics
PAA AT THE HEART OF LABORATORY AUTOMATION
A Directech Company
WAYPOINT ALWAYS THERE TO CARE

We can also support manufacturers not on the list. Please feel free to contact us.

CellVoyager ACE Software for CellVoyager CQ1*1*2

It can scan the entire well at low magnification, detect the position of the object based on the analysis results, and acquire images at high magnification. This allows imaging of samples where the object's location in the well is unknown, or selectively imaging and analyzing cells that meet specific conditions from a large cell population.

Targeted Imaging Overview

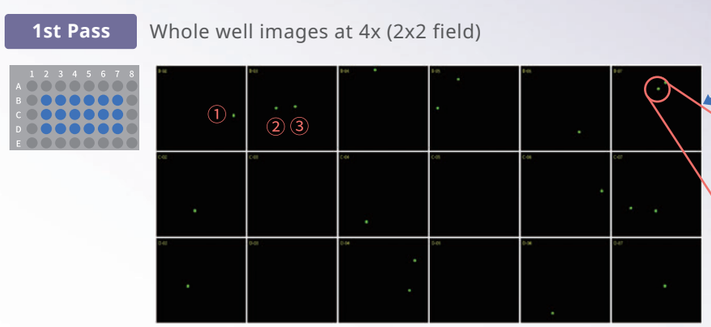


Merits

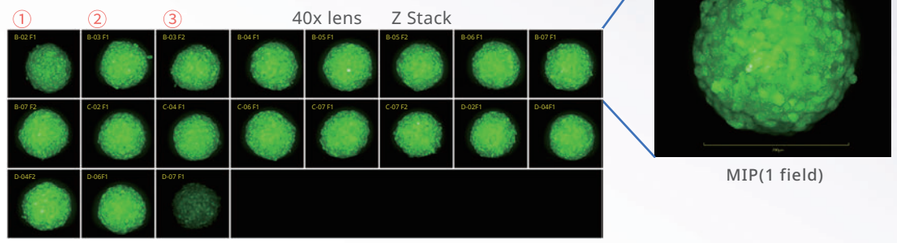
- Achieve high magnification imaging exclusively in the identified target area, significantly minimizing data volume and increasing throughput.
- Reduce unnecessary images and tiling by imaging at the center of the target.
- Automation of the two imaging processes reduces human intervention time and human error.

Example: Detect Spheroids of GFP-expressing Hela

1st Pass Whole well images at 4x (2x2 field)



2nd Pass Detected spheroid images at 40x (1 field, MIP)



*1 This software is provided as free of charge only for our customers. We cannot guarantee performance of operations, in case of unexpected circumstances.
*2 To be able to use this software, the corresponding analysis software CellPathfinder is necessary.

Cell Voyager CQ1

Confocal Quantitative Image Cytometer

Optics	Microlens enhanced dual wide Nipkow disk confocal
Fluorescence	Laser : Choose Max.4 lasers from 405 / 488 / 561 / 640 nm EM Filter : Max. 10 filters (Included 1 filter for transmitted illumination)
Transmitted illumination	Phase contrast*1, Bright field Light source : LED
Camera	Number of effective pixels : sCMOS 2000 × 2000pixels, FOV : 13.0 × 13.0mm
Objective lens	Max.6 lenses Dry : 2x, 4x, 10x, 20x, 40x Long working distance : 20x, 40x For thick bottom vessel : 20x Phase contrast*1 : 10x, 20x
Attachment	All wells imaging type, Chambered type*2
Sample vessel	Microplate (6, 12, 24, 48*3, 96*3, 384*3, 1536*3 well), Slideglass*4*5, Cover glass chamber*4, Dish*4 (35, 60 mm)
XY stage	High-precision XY stage, designated resolution: 0.1 µm
Stage heater (Option)	Stage heater with chamber Controllable temperature range : Room temperature +5 – +17°C, Max.40°C Settable temperature resolution: 0.1°C Humidity holding*6
Z focus	Electric Z motor, designated resolution: 0.1 µm
Autofocus	Laser autofocus, Software autofocus
Feature data	Number of cells / cellular granules, Intensity, Volume, Surface area, Area, Perimeter, Diameter, Sphericity, Circularity, Length, etc.
Data format	Captured image : 16 bit TIFF (OME-TIFF) Output movie format : WMV, MP4 Output image format : TIFF (16 bit, 8 bit) , PNG, JPEG Output numerical data format : FCS, CSV, ICE
Fast time lapse (Option)	Selectable from Max.100fps or Max.20fps
Workstation	Measurement and analysis workstation
Gas Mixer (Option)	Long-time model : CO_2 concentration 5 - 18 % Hypoxia model : CO_2 concentration 5 - 20 %, O_2 concentration 0.1 - 18 %
Size / Weight	Main unit : 600 × 400 × 437 mm, 44 kg Utility box : 275 × 432 × 298 mm, 18 kg Gas Mixer (Option) Long-time model : 275 x 432 x 298mm, 9.3kg Gas Mixer (Option) Hypoxia model : 160 x 260 x 187mm, 5.2kg
Environment	Main unit and Utility box : 15 – 35 °C, 20 – 70 % RH No condensation Gas Mixer (Option) Long-time model : 15 - 30°C, 20 - 70%RH No condensation Gas Mixer (Option) Hypoxia model : 20 - 30°C, 10 - 85%RH No condensation
Power consumption	Main unit and Utility box : 100-240 VAC, 800 VAmax Workstation : 100-240 VAC, 1350 VAmax Gas Mixer (Option) Long-time model : 100 - 240 VAC, 60 VAmax Gas Mixer (Option) Hypoxia model : 100 - 240 VAC, 50 VAmax

*1 Phase contrast option is required
*2 Stage heater option is required to use environment keeping function
*3 Phase contrast observation is unavailable
*4 Option
*5 Environment keeping function is unavailable
*6 Humidity holding time is changed by condition

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