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WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Kit (Colorimetric)

(Catalog # F6000-1000; Store at -20°C)

Material Supplied

Item #	Item	Quantity	Storage
F6000-1000-A	Ready-to-Use WST-1 Reagent	10 ml	-20°C

Introduction

WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay is a colorimetric assay for assessing cell viability, cytotoxity and proliferation. Mitochondrial dehydrogenases in the cells, reduces WST-1 compound to formazan. Number of viable cells are directly proportional to the mitochondrial dehydrogenases activity, and the amount of formazan dye formed, which is measured by absorbance at 440 nm. BioIntersect's WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay Kit provides a sensitive, easy-to-do, one-step, non-radioactive and high-throughput method for cell proliferation, cell viability, chemotaxis, cytotoxicity, and apoptosis.

Samples

- Proliferating and non-proliferating cultured cells.

Applications

- Measurement of cell viability in response to growth factors, toxic compounds, mitogens, cytokines and nutrients.
- Analysis of anticancer drugs and other pharmaceuticals.
- Assessment of biological mediators and antibodies that affect cell growth

Pre-Assay Preparations

Store kit at -20°C, protected from light. Stable for over 1 year. Avoid freeze/thaw, we recommend aliquot, if needed. Read the entire protocol before performing the assay. Use clear plates for the assay.

Assay Protocol

1. **Sample Preparation:** Grow cells of interest in a 96-well clear plate in a final volume of 100 µl/well, according to the desired protocol. Cells seeded at densities between 5,000-10,000 cells/well should reach optimal population densities within 48-72 hrs. For toxicity studies, use > 50,000 cells per well. Treat the cells with compounds/drugs of interest in an appropriate solvent for desired period of time. We recommend treat parallel well(s) as solvent control and use same volume of solvent as for the treated cells.
2. **Procedure:** Add 10µl of Ready-to-Use WST-1 Reagent into each well. For background control, add 10 µl of Ready-to-Use WST-1 Reagent into a well containing media only (no cells). Incubate the plate for 30 minutes-3 hrs at 37°C. We recommend determining optimal incubation time for a particular experiment depending on the cell type and cell number.
3. **Reading and Calculations:** Before reading, we recommend shaking the plate in an orbital shaker for 1 minute. Read the 96-well plate absorbance at 440 nm as endpoint setting. Subtract the absorbance of the control well from all absorbance value to yield Corrected Absorbance Values. Plot Corrected Absorbance Values 440 nm (Y axis) versus concentration of growth factor/Cytotoxic agent (X axis, log scale). Determine the ED50/IC_{50} value by locating the X-axis value corresponding to one-half the maximum (plateau) absorbance value.

Notes: If comparing the affect of several compound(s) on the cell viability, plot the absorbance (Y-axis) and compare different treatments.

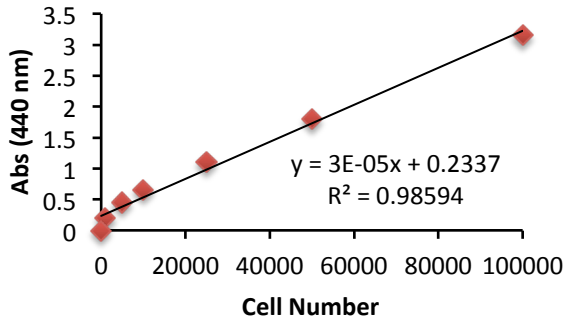

Figure: WST-1 Cell Proliferation Assay: HeLa cells were serially diluted in a 96-well clear plate and incubated for 1 hr with Ready-to-Use WST-1 Reagent at 37°C, as described in the protocol. Absorbance was measured at 440 nm and Abs is plotted as the function of Cell Number.

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