

Protocol for Invasion Assay in a 384-well plate

1. Magnetize cells either by static incubation overnight or centrifugation, using a concentration of $1 \mu\text{L}/1 \times 10^4$ cells

Note: Invasion is easier to image with fluorescently tagged cells, either by transfection, or a dye like CellTracker Green

2. Detach, count, and resuspend cells to a concentration of 2×10^5 cells/mL
3. Plate the cells into a cell-repellent 384-well plate (Greiner Bio-One) at a concentration of $50 \mu\text{L}/\text{well}$ (1×10^4 cells/well)
4. Print cells into spheroids by placing the plate full of magnetized cells onto a 384-well spheroid drive
5. Leave plate on drive between 1 h to overnight for cells to form spheroids
6. In the meantime, take thawed Matrigel and dilute to 2.9 mg/mL in media
7. After spheroids have formed, move plate onto a 384-holding magnet and remove media
8. Add $25 \mu\text{L}$ of Matrigel solution to each well and remove plate off the magnet to gel the Matrigel in the incubator
9. After 1.5 h of incubation, add $25 \mu\text{L}$ media on top of the gels
10. Image plate at regular timepoints to view invasion into the Matrigel