

Cell Layouter : Label-Free Cell Isolation and Aspiration System of Circulating Tumor Cells



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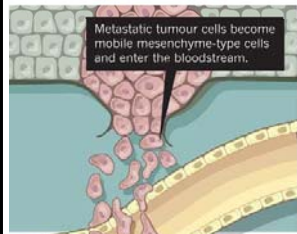
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In situ isolation and aspiration of rare cells

1. Background



H Ledford, Nature (2011)

CTC:
Circulating Tumor Cell

Detection of CTC for clinical application

- Early diagnosis of Metastasized Cancer
- Cancer prognosis
- Monitoring of therapeutic efficacy
- **Liquid Biopsy**



CELLSEARCH System

Blood Cells **CTC is very very rare cell**
 $\Phi < 8 \mu\text{m}$, over 10^9 / mL
 CTCs (Cancer Cells)
 $\Phi 10 \mu\text{m} \sim$, 1 ~ 20 / mL

Agendas

- Removal of a lot of blood cell
- Requirement of time and effort (7.5 mL/ some hour)
- Larger and costly device (0.4 million \$)

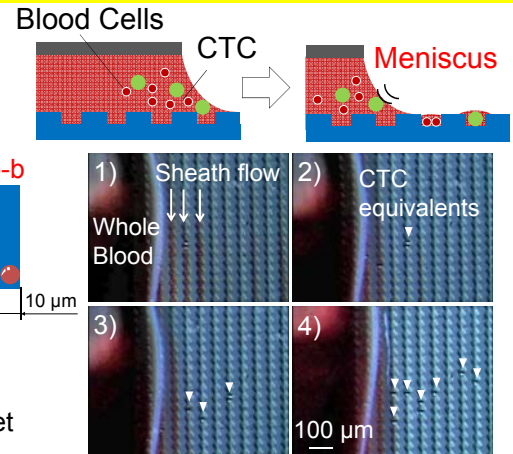
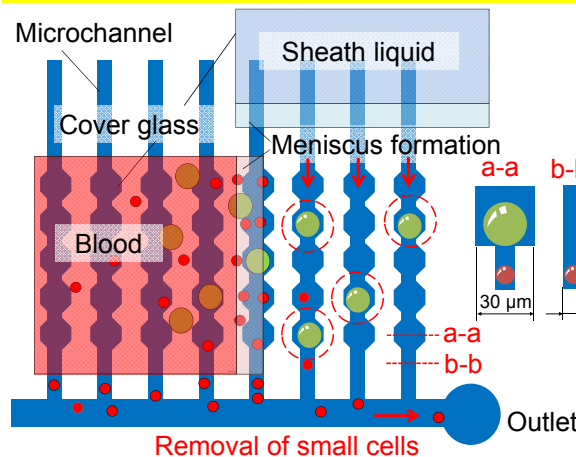


2. Concept

Layout and Remove using Convective Self-assembly

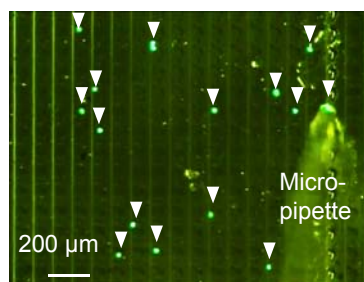
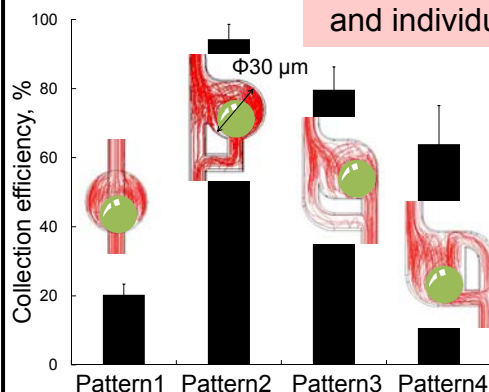


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3. Result

Four kinds of channel patterns and individually collected Cell



Green: Cancer Cell (GCIY)

CTC isolation/aspiration system:
"Cell Layouter"



Serve as a minimally invasive **"Liquid Biopsy"**

The pattern 2 had the highest collection efficiency of about 90%. Isolation rate: 0.8 mL/hr

4. Conclusion

- **Label-free CTC isolation** by the technique of convective self-assembly.
- A specific design of microchannel provided a cancer cell collection efficiency of about 93%.
- Our system aims at achieving **liquid biopsy** to estimate the risk for metastatic relapse easily.

5. Reference

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