

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



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In situ isolation and aspiration of rare cells

1. Background

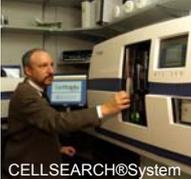


H Ledford, Nature (2011)

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 $10^9 / \text{mL}$
 CTCs(Cancer Cells)
 $\Phi 10 \mu\text{m} \sim$, $1 \sim ?0 / \text{mL}$

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 \$)

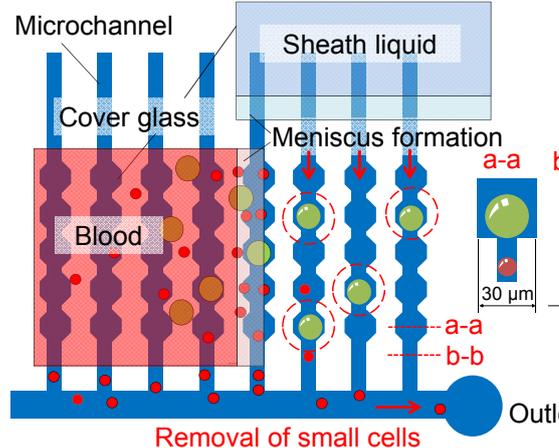


2. Concept



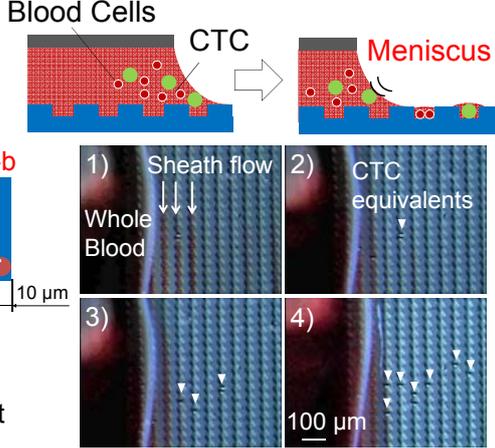
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Layout and Remove using Convective Self-assembly



Microchannel, Sheath liquid, Cover glass, Blood, Meniscus formation, Outlet

Removal of small cells



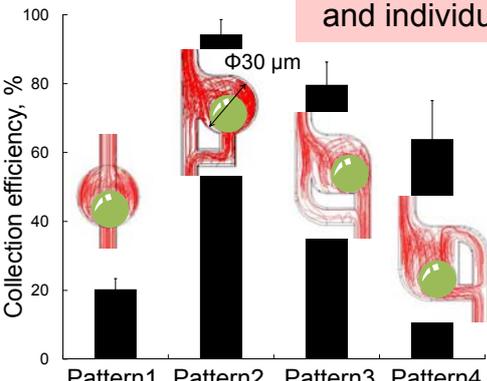
Blood Cells, CTC, Meniscus

1) Sheath flow Whole Blood, 2) CTC equivalents, 3) CTC isolation, 4) CTC aspiration

100 μm

3. Result

Four kinds of channel patterns and individually collected Cell



Collection efficiency, %

Pattern1, Pattern2, Pattern3, Pattern4

$\Phi 30 \mu\text{m}$

Green: Cancer Cell (GCIY)

200 μm

Micro-pipette

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

CTC isolation/aspiration system: "Cell Layouter"



Serve as a minimally invasive "Liquid Biopsy"

4. Conclusion

- **Label-free CTC isolation** by the technique of connective 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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