



# DRUG-SCREENING OF CDK INHIBITORS IN BREAST CARCINOMA CELLS

## Purpose

The SOP-ADSI-4.0 was issued to describe how to perform drug screenings of cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors (CDK inhibitors) in breast carcinoma cells with different invasive capacities and radiation sensitivities.

## Scope

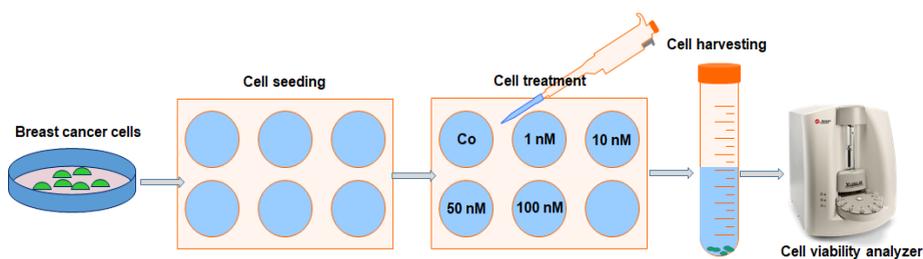
The SOP-ADSI-4.0 includes the generation of radioresistant and invasive clones from AU565 and MDA-MB-231 breast carcinoma cells. This SOP also includes handling and general cell culture techniques in advance to the drug screening experiment, as well as the drug screening experiment itself.

## Introduction

The world Health Organization (WHO) reports worldwide 2.1 million women with breast cancer. Especially metastatic progression and radioresistance of breast carcinoma constitute a major problem in clinical oncology. It is assumed that metastasis is responsible for most breast-cancer related deaths, which are 15 % of all cancer-related mortalities. Metastasis cascade contains a number of steps such as cancer cell invasion in surrounding tissues followed by cell intravasation into the blood and/ or lymphatic vessels, extravasation into the tissue of distant organs, and, finally, colonization and growth in the targeted organs. PCare serves as a technological platform to overcome tumor resistance to therapies against cancer. The platform addresses beside lung and colon carcinoma, also breast cancer with a high incidence in the program region (Report AIOM AIRTUM 2018 und Statistik Austria). In this study the P-Care project partners aim to develop methods to find active drug substances to break through resistance of cancer cells against up-to-date therapies. Cultivation of cancer cells in presence of chemotherapeutic substances serves as a future strategy to generate chemoresistant cancer cell lines.

Weekday	Day	Media	Timepoint
Monday	1	Cell seeding	-
Tuesday	2	Cell treatment with CDK inhibitors at indicated doses	0 h
Wednesday	3	Sample collection for cell viability and cell proliferation assay	24 h
Thursday	4	Sample collection for cell viability and cell proliferation assay	48 h
Friday	5	Sample collection for cell viability and cell proliferation assay	72 h

**Table 1.** Time schedule for drug testing



**Figure 1.** Schematic procedure – Drug-screening of CDK inhibitors in breast cancer cells

## 1. Reagents, solutions, and cell culture media

### 1.1 Reagents

- RPMI 1640 (#31870-074, Gibco, Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- DPBS, 1 x no calcium, no magnesium (#P04-36500, PAN-Biotech)
- Penicillin-Sterptomycin-Glutamine (100x) (#103870-074 Gibco, Thermo Fisher Scientific)
- Trypsin-EDTA Solution (x10) (#T4174, Sigma-Aldrich, Millipore)
- Research Grade Fetal Bovine Serum heat-inactivated (#12350273, Fisher Scientific)
- Insulin Solution from bovine pancreas (#I0516-5ML, Sigma-Aldrich, Millipore)
- Trypan Blue Solution (#T8154, Sigma-Aldrich, Millipore)

- Cell WASH (#349524, BD Biosciences)
- Coulter CLENZ® Cleaning Agent (#8448222 Beckman Coulter)
- Isopropanol (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O) 70% (#CN09.3, Carl Roth)
- Palbociclib
- Abemaciclib
- Otviciclib
- Dinaciclib

## 1.2

### Compositions

- **Cell Culture Medium for MDA-MB-231 and Au565 breast carcinoma cells**

500 mL RPMI 1640

5 mL Penicillin-Sterptomycin-Glutamine (100x)

50 mL of FBS

Store at 4 °C

- **Cell Culture Medium for T47D breast carcinoma cells**

500 mL RPMI 1640

5 mL Penicillin-Sterptomycin-Glutamine (100x)

50 mL of FBS (10% final concentration)

0,2 Units/mL bovine insulin

Store at 4 °C

## 2.

### Equipment

- ViCell Xr cell viability analyzer (Beckman Coulter)
- Elekta Precise Linear Accelerator (Elekta Oncology Systems, UK)
- Incubator Hera-Cell 150 (Thermo Scientific)
- Laminar Air-Flow Steril-Antares
- Centrifuge (4°C) Eppendorf 5810R
- Microscope Leica DMIL-LED
- Vortex Mixer (VWR)
- Waterbath Biosan-PeqLab
- Neubauer Cell Counting Chamber
- Uncoated 8 µm-pore membrane in Boyden chamber (Corning Life Sciences)
- Polystyrene box
- Box with crushed ice
- Pipette Aid
- Set of pipettes 20 µL, 200 µL, 1000 µL and pipette tips

## 3.

### Plastics

- Gewebekulturflecken, 250 mL Greiner 658175
- 6-well-plates (Greiner bio-one # 657160)
- 50 mL Polypropylene Conical Tube (#Falcon 352070)
- 15 mL Polypropylene Conical Tube (#Falcon 352096)
- Sterile 0,5 mL, 1,5 mL, 2mL and 5 mL tubes
- Pipettes 1 mL, 5 mL, 10 mL, 25 mL, 50 mL

## 4.

### Generation of radioresistant breast carcinoma cells

#### 4.1

#### Preparation of material and reagents

- Prepare and pre-warm cell culture medium with and without 10 % FBS for MDA-MB-231, AU565 or T47D respectively
- Cultivate cells to obtain 5x10<sup>5</sup> per 6-well

## 4.2

### Procedure

- Add 2.5 mL of cell culture medium with 10 % FBS (chemoattractant) into wells of a 6-well-plate.
- Place Boyden Chamber into wells and add 2.5 mL of serum-free cell culture medium on 8 µm pore membrane of Boyden Chamber.
- Collect migrated cells on surface of 6-well-plate every second week.
- Seed the collected cells again into Boyden Chamber.
- Repeat this procedure ten times to generate invasive cell lines.

## 5.

### Generation of invasive breast carcinoma cells

#### 5.1

##### Preparation of material and reagents

- Prepare and pre-warm cell culture medium with 10 % FBS for MDA-MB-231, AU565 or T47D respectively

#### 5.2

##### Procedure of cell seeding and drug treatment

- Seed  $10^5$  cells in 3 ml medium per well in 6-well plates.
- Irradiate cells every 2nd week with 10 Gy 16 MV x-rays using an Elekt Precise Linear Accelerator at a dose rate of approx. 1.8 Gy/min.
- Repeat until total dose of 100 Gy. Collect survived cells for later experiments as radioresistant. The newly received cell lines maintain resistance to ionizing radiation independently from passage number

## 6.

### Seeding of breast carcinoma cells into 6-well-plates

#### 6.1

##### Preparation of material and reagents

Harvest breast carcinoma cells after expansion from 250 ml cell culture flasks using trypsin solution.

- Prepare and pre-warm DPBS and required supplemented culture media
- 50 mL conical tubes
- Pipette tips and pipettes (10µl, 200µl, 1000µl)

## 6.2

### Procedure of cell seeding and drug treatment

- After cell washing in DPBS, resuspend the cells in 5 mL medium, count the cells and seed 10<sup>5</sup> cells in 3 ml medium per well in 6-well plates.
- Incubate the cells at 37 °C, 5 % CO<sub>2</sub> and 95 % r.H. for 24 hours
- After 24 h of incubation, carefully remove medium and wash the cells with DPBS in each well, add appropriate concentrations of CDK inhibitors diluted in 4 mL medium
- Incubate at 37 °C, 5 % CO<sub>2</sub> and 95 % r.H. for 72 hours

## 6.3

### Measurement

- Untreated and treated cells are detached from the bottom of wells in 6-well plates.
- Harvested cells are washed with DPBS, and cell pellet is resuspended in RPMI 1640 medium without supplements.
- Resuspended cells are placed into the ViCell inserts
- Open ViCell program, give the name of each measurement and acquire the cell count in each sample (total cell number, viable cell number and cell viability)
- Export the data as EXCEL file for further calculations and evaluation of the received results.

# 7.

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