

## Cell Counting Kit -8

### Product Information

Product name	Cat#	Specification
Cell Counting Kit -8	40203ES60	100 T
	40203ES76	500 T
	40203ES80	1000 T
	40203ES88	3×1000 T
	40203ES92	10×1000 T

### Product Description

Cell Counting Kit-8 is a rapid and highly sensitive detection kit, based on WST-8 (chemical name: 2-(2-methoxy-4-nitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(2, 4-disulfobenzene) -2h-tetrazole monosodium salt), widely used in cell proliferation and cytotoxicity.

Wst-8, an upgrade of MTT, is reduced by mitochondrial dehydrogenase to water-soluble orange formazan product in the presence of electron-coupled reagents. The amount of the formazan dye generated by dehydrogenase in cells is directly proportional to the number of living cell and is measured by absorbance at 450 nm using a microplate reader.

CCK-8 method has a wide range application, such as drug screening, cell proliferation, cytotoxicity, tumor drug sensitivity test and activity detection of biological factors.

### Advantages of CCK-8 method

Table 1 Comparison of advantages of CCK-8 method with other cell proliferation/toxicity detection methods

Detection method	MTT method	XTT method	WST - 1 method	CCK 8 method
Water solubility of the formazan product	Low (need to add organic solvent to dissolve and then test)	High	High	High
Product characteristics	Powder	2 bottles of solution	Solution	1 bottle of solution
Method of use	Mix into solution and use	The solution was prepared just before use.	Out of the box	Out of the box
Detection sensitivity	High	Very high	Very high	High
Detection time	Long	Short	Short	The shortest
Detection wavelength	560-600 nm	420-480 nm	420-480 nm	430-490 nm
cytotoxicity	High toxicity, complete disappearance of cell morphology	Low toxicity, cell morphology unchanged	Low toxicity, cell morphology unchanged	Low toxicity, cell morphology unchanged
Reagent stability	General	Low	General	High
Bulk sample testing	Feasible	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate
Convenience	General	Convenient	Convenient	Very convenient

## Shipping and Storage

The components are shipped with ice pack and can be stored at -20°C for 1 year.

## Cautions

1. It is recommended to use multi-channel pipette when conditions permit, which can reduce the difference between parallel holes. When adding CCK-8 reagent, it is recommended to add it diagonally against the culture board wall, not under the culture medium liquid level, which is easy to produce bubbles, which will interfere with OD reading.
2. Leukocytes may need to be cultured for a long time.
3. When using standard 96-well plates, the minimum inoculation amount of adherent cells should be at least 1,000 cells/well (100  $\mu$ L medium).
4. If a 450 nm filter is not available, a filter with an absorbance between 430 and 490 nm can be used, but a 450 nm filter has the highest detection sensitivity.
5. For research use only!

## Instructions

### 1. Make standard curve (determine the specific number of cells)

1. Count the number of cells in the prepared cell suspension with the cell counting plate, and then inoculate the cells into the culture plate.
2. According to the proportion (e.g. 1/2 ratio) in turn with medium equal dilution into a cell concentration gradient, generally 3-5 cell concentration gradient, each concentration is recommended 3-6 multiple holes.
3. After inoculation, cells were cultured for 2-4 hours to adhere to the wall, and then CCK-8 reagent was added to culture for a certain time to measure the OD value, and a standard curve with the number of cells as the X-axis and the OD value as the Y-axis was prepared. According to this standard curve, the number of cells in the unknown sample can be determined.

### 2. Cell activity detection

1. Inoculate cell suspension in 96-well plate (100  $\mu$ L/ well). The culture plate was placed in an incubator for pre-culture for a period of time (37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>).
2. Add 10  $\mu$ L CCK-8 solution to each well (be careful not to form bubbles in the well, they will affect the OD reading).
3. Incubate the culture plate in the incubator for 1-4 hours.

### 3. Cell proliferation - toxicity test

1. Prepare 100  $\mu$ L cell suspension in 96-well plate. The culture plate was placed in an incubator for pre-culture for 24 hours (37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>).
2. Add 10  $\mu$ L of the substance to be measured in different concentrations to the culture plate.
3. Incubate the culture plate in the incubator for an appropriate period of time (e.g. 6, 12, 24 or 48 h).
4. Add 10  $\mu$ L CCK-8 solution to each well (be careful not to form bubbles in the well, they will affect the OD reading).
5. Incubate the culture plate in the incubator for 1-4 hours.
6. Determine the absorbance at 450 nm with a microplate reader.
7. If the OD value is not determined temporarily, add 10  $\mu$ L 0.1M HCL solution or 1% W/V SDS solution to each well, cover the culture plate and store it at room temperature. The absorbance did not change when measured within 24 hours.

**【Notes】** If the substance to be tested is oxidizing or reducing, replace the fresh medium before adding CCK-8 (remove the medium, wash the cells with the medium twice, then add the new medium) to remove the drug effect. Of course, when the drug influence is relatively small, the medium can be directly deducted from the blank absorption after the drug is added to the medium without changing the medium.

## Dynamic calculation

Cell viability \* (%) =  $[A(\text{dosed}) - a(\text{blank})] / [A(0 \text{ dosed}) - A(\text{blank})] \times 100$ .

A (dosing): Absorbance of pores with cells, CCK-8 solution, and drug solution.

A(blank): Absorbance of pores with medium and CCK-8 solution but without cells.

A (0 dosing): absorbance of pores with cell, CCK-8 solution but no drug solution.

\* Cell viability: cell proliferation activity or cytotoxic activity.