High Shear BioFlux Plate

Enables shear flow experiments in the pathological range

The High Shear BioFlux Plate offers an expanded flow range up to 200 dyne/cm². This opens the door to a wide variety of physiologically-relevant shear flow assays. Typical applications include thrombosis and platelet studies, cardiovascular and immunological drug screening, and cell/bacterial adhesion.

The High Shear BioFlux Plate uses Well Plate Microfluidic™ technology for higher throughput shear flow assays. It offers the biological relevance of a laminar flow cell, with the throughput and convenience of standard microplates. The expanded shear flow range enables experiments to be run at pathological conditions typically found in diseased vasculature. It also provides additional shear stress capability for running cell and bacterial adhesion assays.

All the benefits of a BioFlux Plate, with added shear range:

Higher biological relevance: The BioFlux System delivers controlled shear flow for simulating physiological and environmental conditions. Fully programmable changes to shear flow in real time offer the widest range of assay possibilities.

Expanded shear flow: Shear flow range up to 200 dyne/cm² provides a physiological simulation of pathological vascular conditions critical for drug screening and disease mechanism research.

Higher throughput and data reliability: The High Shear BioFlux Plate runs up to 24 simultaneous flow experiments on a single plate, enabling hundreds of assays per day. Allows you to run many assays from the same blood donor or cell passage and test multiple coating conditions.

Ease of use: Like all BioFlux Plates, the High Shear Plate comes pre-sterilized and ready for use. Eliminates long setup and cleanup procedures and allows for quick processing of experiments.

1. The High Shear Plate comes in an SBS-standard, pre-sterilized, 48-well plate format.

2. Each experimental channel runs between a pair of wells on the plate. Reagents and cells are pipetted into the wells and flow through the microfluidic channels on the bottom layer of the well plate using the BioFlux Pressure Controller. Experiments are observed in a dedicated Viewing Window, each of which has two independent channels running through it.

3. High Shear BioFlux Plates are adapted for use with both the BioFlux 200 and 1000 systems, which can perform automated data acquisition and analysis of high shear experiments.
High Shear BioFlux Plate...More Range, More Applications

It is well known that shear stress from fluid flow can have a profound impact on cellular behavior. Particularly in vascular biology, the effect of blood flow cannot be overlooked when assessing pharmacological response or the underlying mechanisms of the vasculature. In the presence of cardiovascular disease, where blood vessels can narrow almost to occlusion, the shear stress seen by the vessel wall amplifies considerably. This shear stress level significantly alters platelet and endothelial cell morphology and receptor expression. The High Shear BioFlux Plate provides a well-controlled platform for studying drug and cell response in these high shear conditions.

Shear flow governs the nature of platelet–receptor interactions and influences how platelets behave in the vasculature. At very high shear, platelet aggregation is governed solely by vWF (top).

At lower shear (bottom), a host of other biochemical interactions become important for supporting platelet-surface interactions leading to thrombus formation.

Images shown here were acquired on the High Shear BioFlux Plate with the BioFlux system. Whole human blood was pre-mixed with calcein and exposed to von Willebrand Factor under high shear (100 dynes/cm², 3,125 s⁻¹) (top) and low shear (5 dynes/cm², 125 s⁻¹) (bottom).

Typical Applications:
- Thrombosis assays
- Platelet adhesion
- Anti–platelet and cardiovascular drug screening
- Toxicology drug screening
- Cell/bacteria adhesion
- Dose response / IC₅₀ assays

Bacterial and mammalian cell adhesion experiments require sufficient shear stress to dislodge cells from surface coatings and proteins. The BioFlux High Shear Plate provides ample shear range and precise, time-resolved control over shear stress.

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