

Okomera: Functional Precision Cancer Medicine Enabled By Droplet Microfluidics



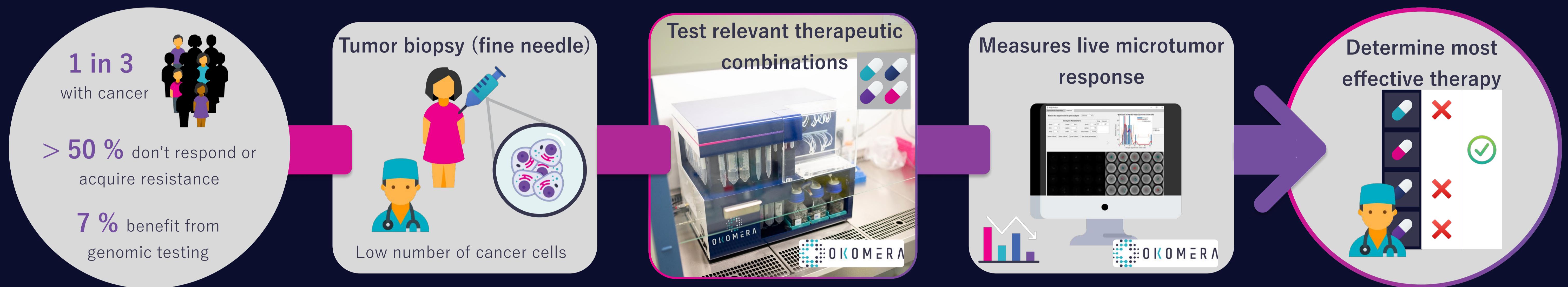
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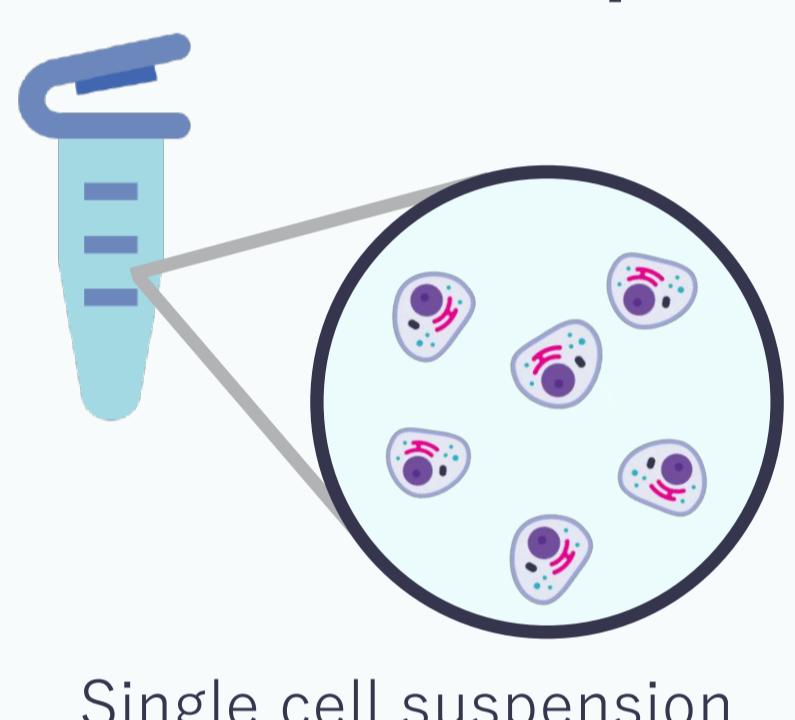
Abstract Functional precision cancer medicine relies on testing live ex vivo patient tumor cells, and is limited by the scarcity of these precious patient samples. Okomera's patented droplet microfluidic technology provides a miniaturized and automated solution, enabling 3D culturing and multiplexed testing of patient cancer cells in relevant microenvironments to guide treatment decision.

Live testing of tumor cells ex vivo



Protocol

Patient sample

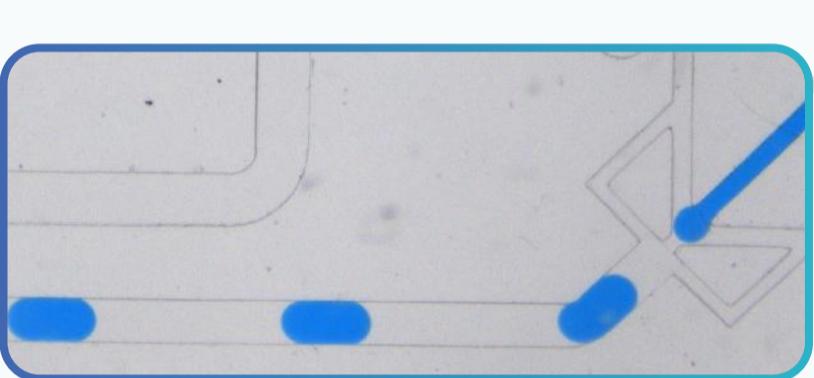


Single cell suspension



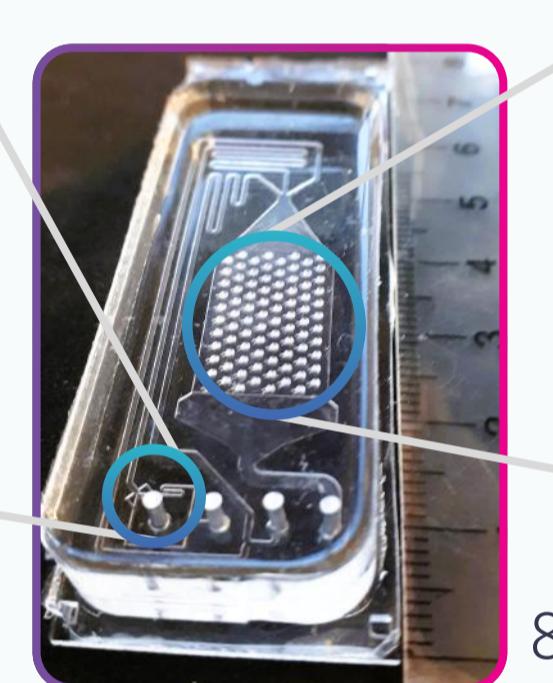
Cell encapsulation in microfluidic droplets

Droplet production



Typically 50 cells / droplet

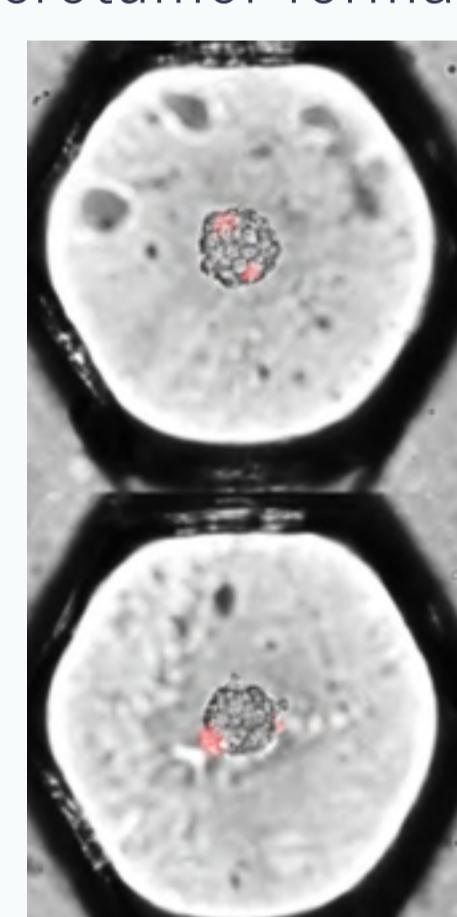
Microfluidic chip



Droplet array filling
Droplet array: 80 to 200 droplets / chip

Incubation

Microtumor formation



1 microtumor / droplet

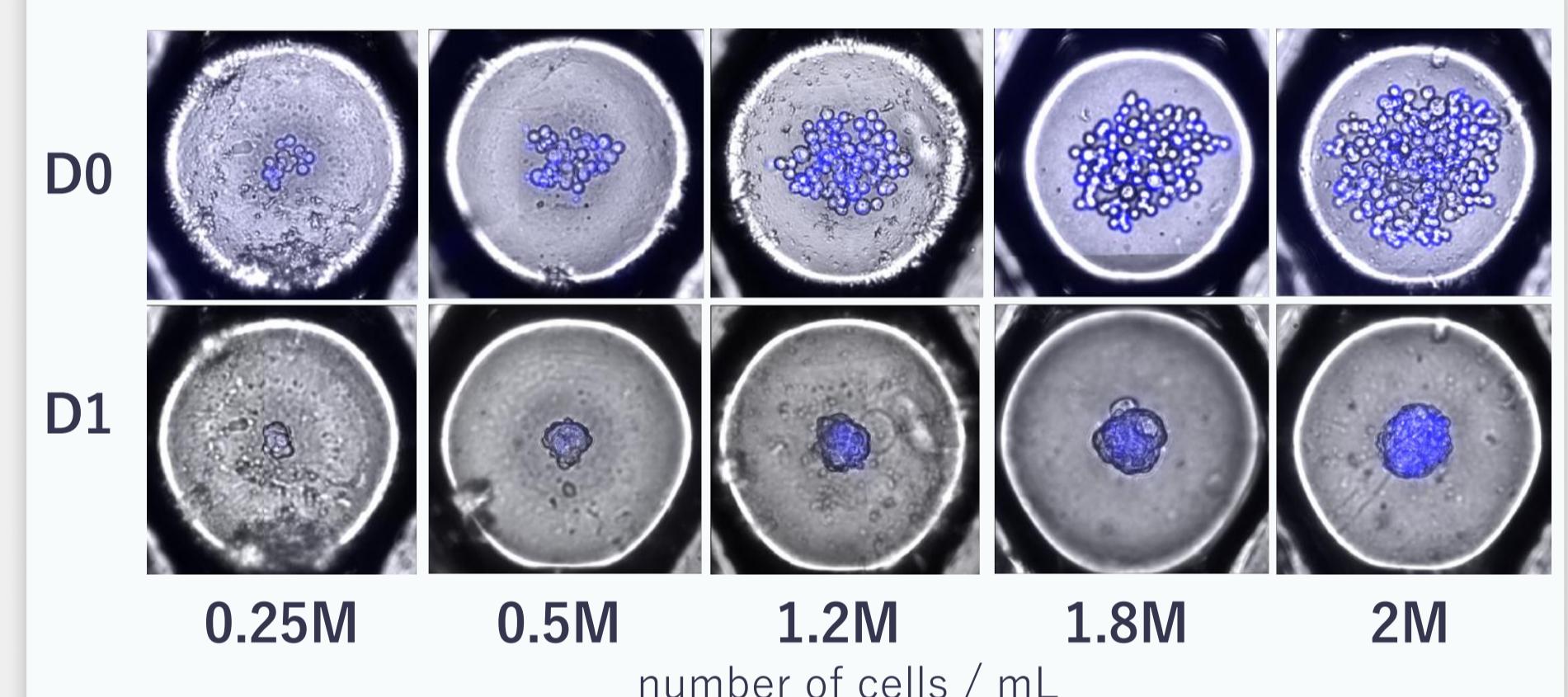
Application

Cell number

400 µm traps

Hoechst

MCF7 cells

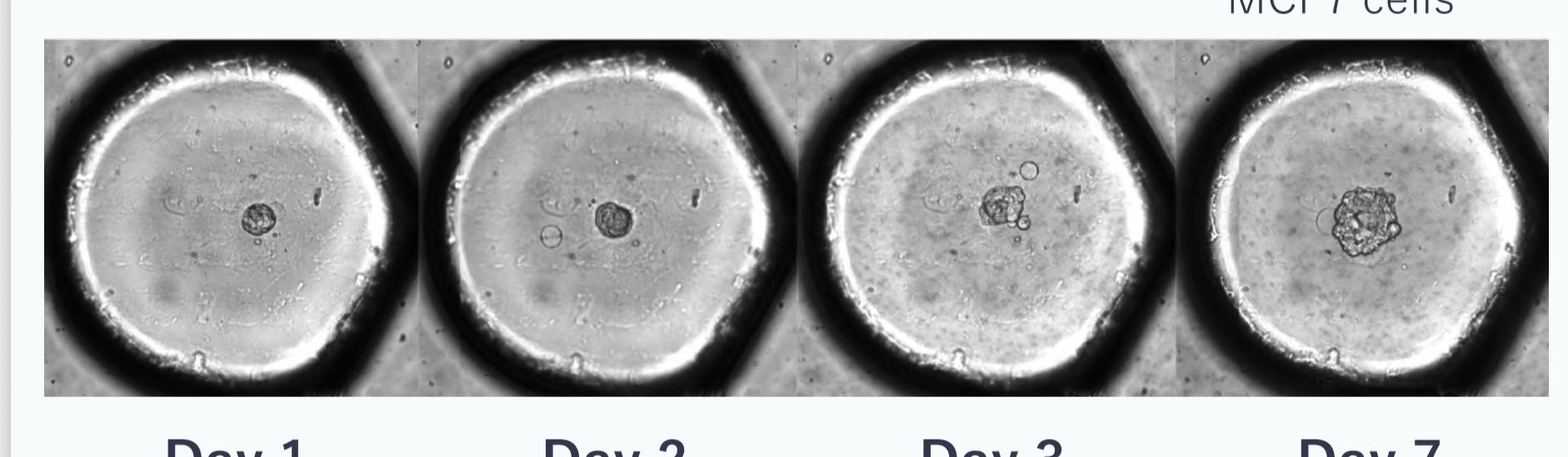


Encapsulated cell number depends on the cell concentration of the initial sample

Growth

800 µm traps

MCF7 cells



Microtumor growth over 1 week

Hydrogels

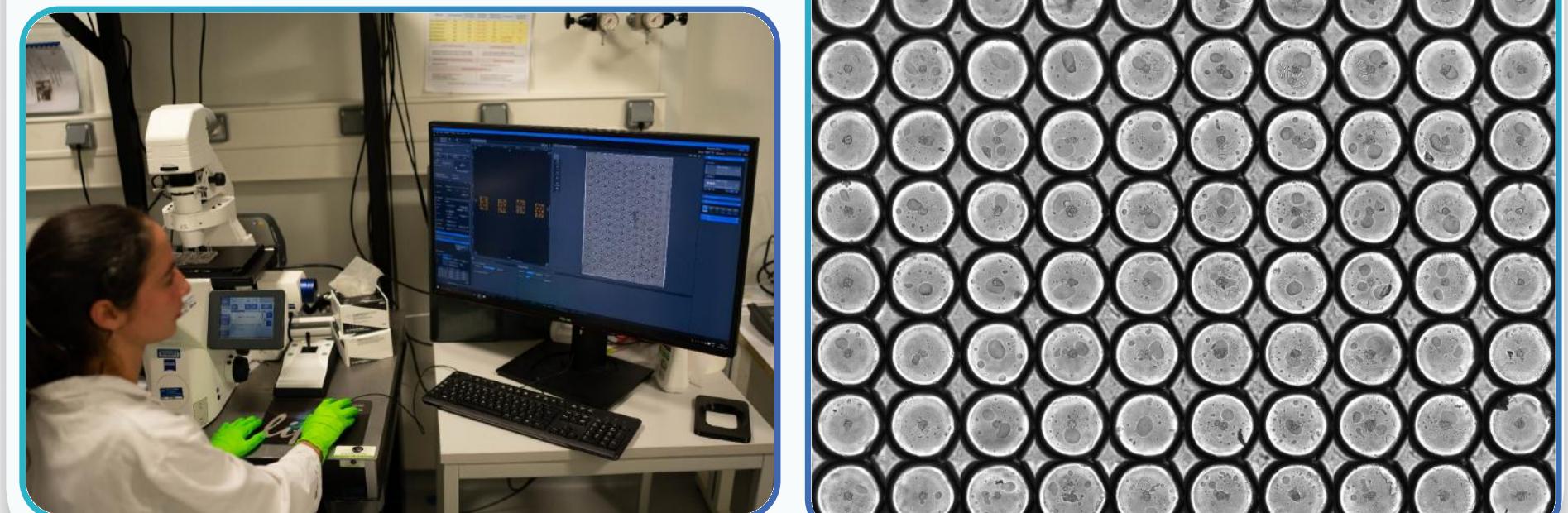
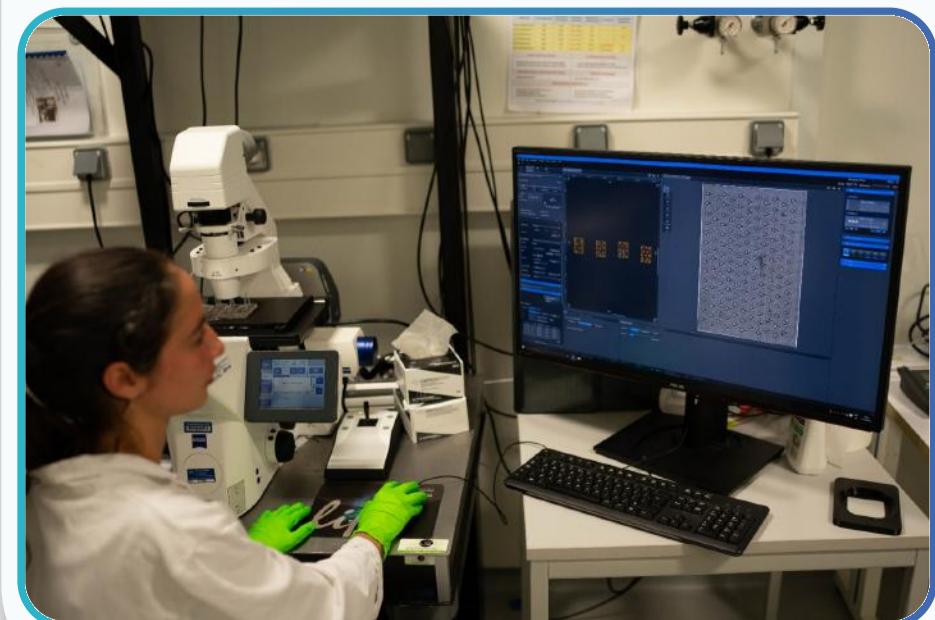
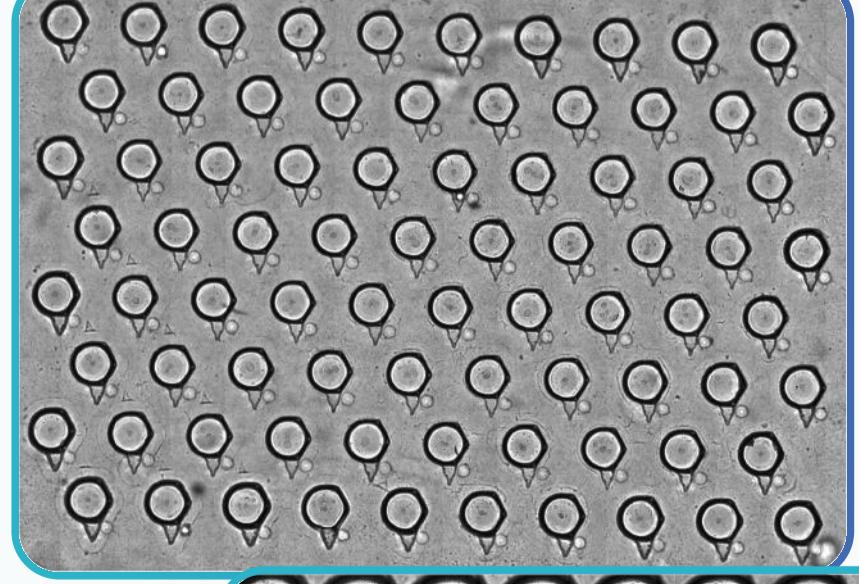
Hydrogel droplets:

- Matrigel™
- Collagen I



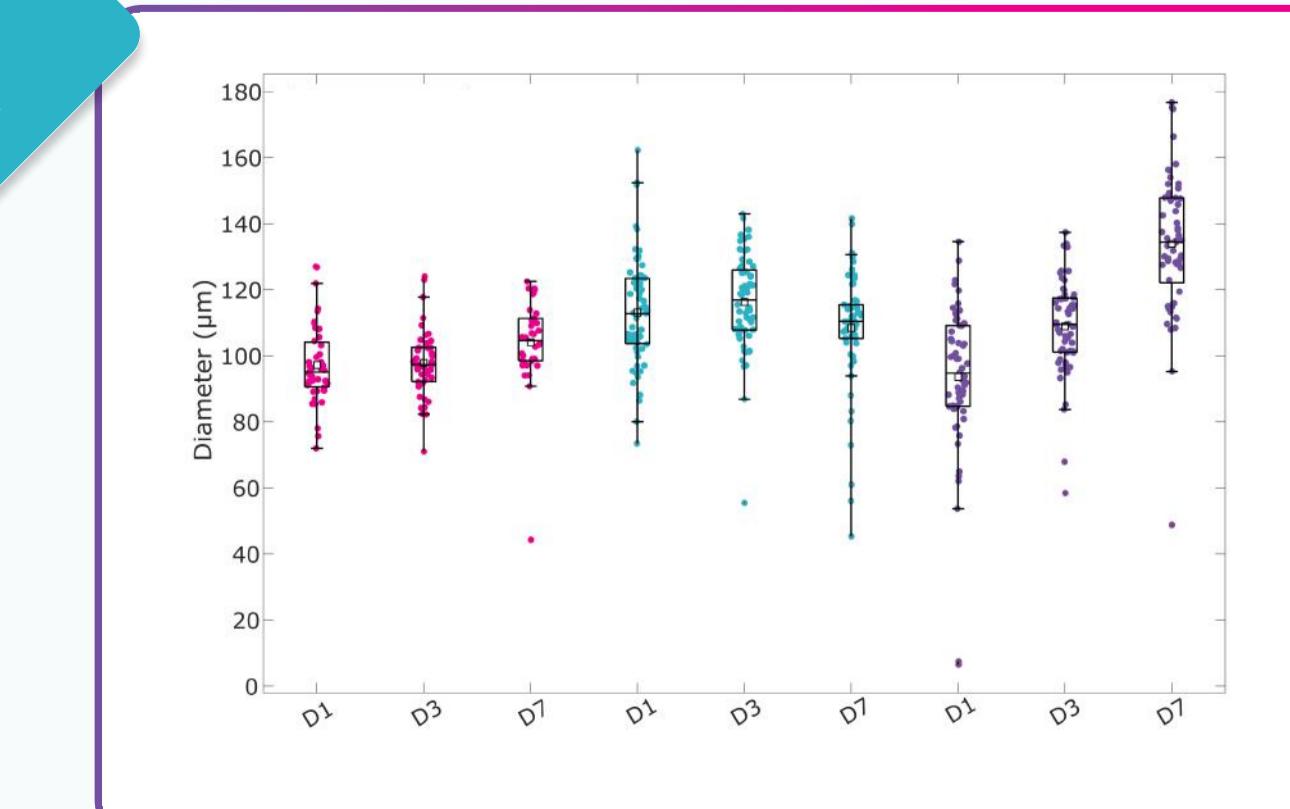
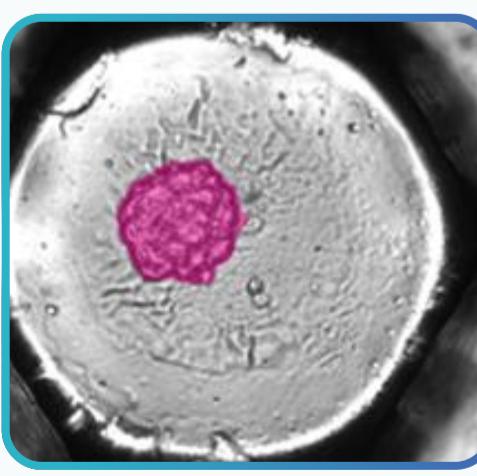
Imaging

Classical epi-fluorescence microscopy



Analysis

Artificial Intelligence-powered image analysis



Other applications



Immuno-oncology



Combinatorial drug screening

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