

# Flow cytometry

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# Fluorescence & flow cytometry



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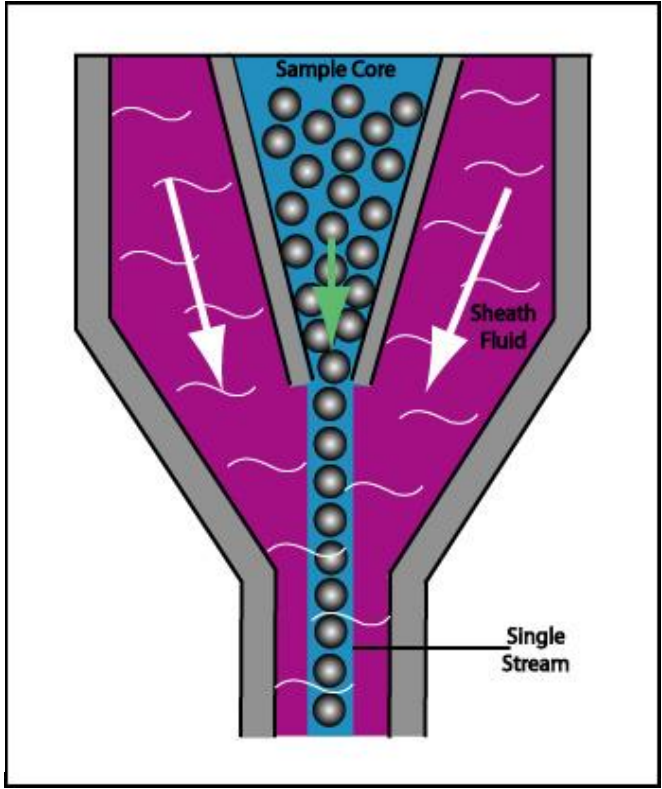
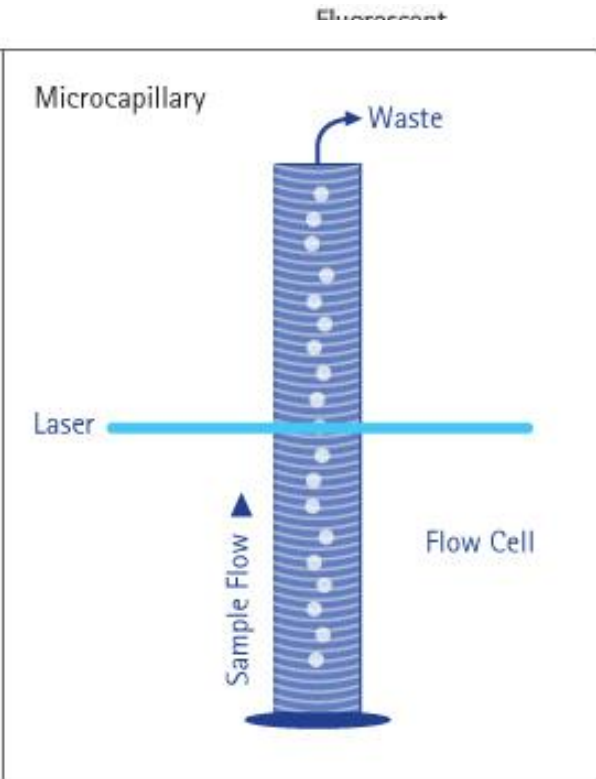
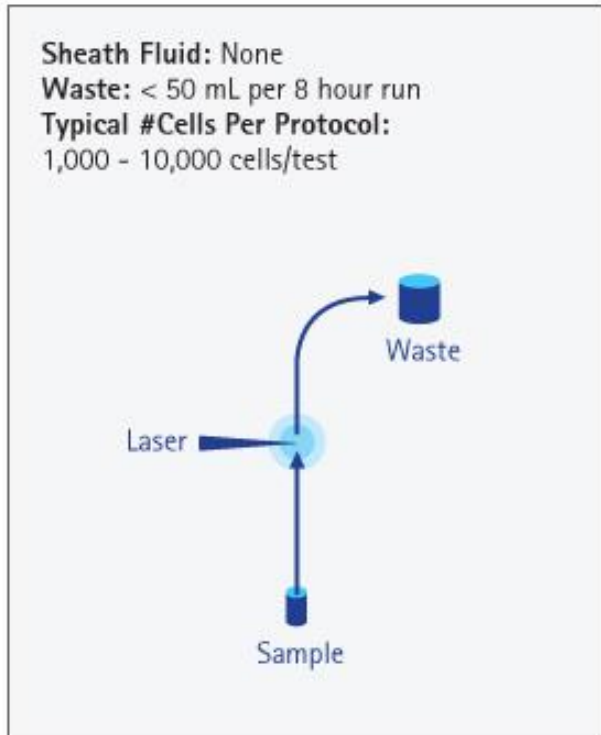


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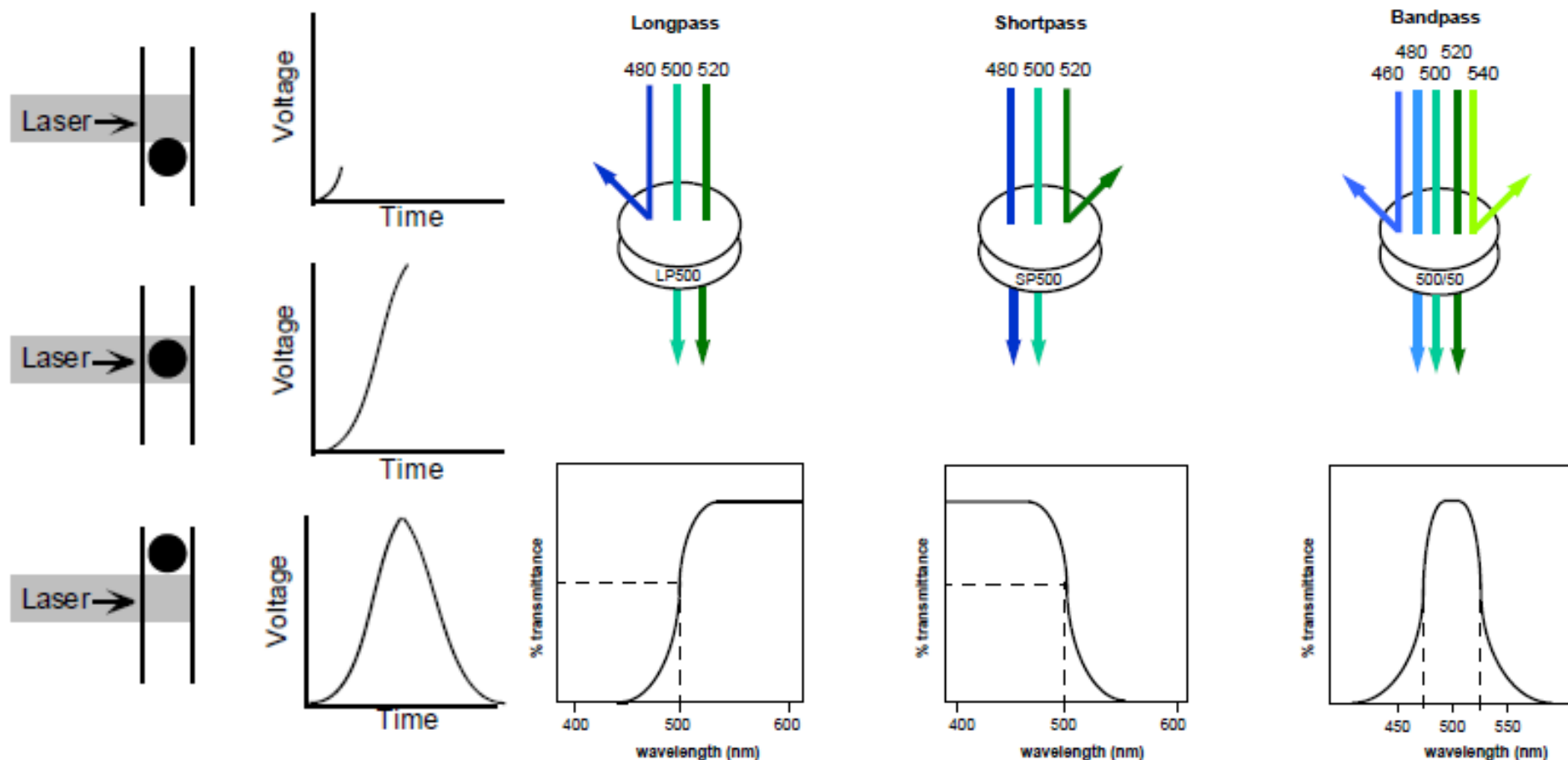
# Flow cytometer



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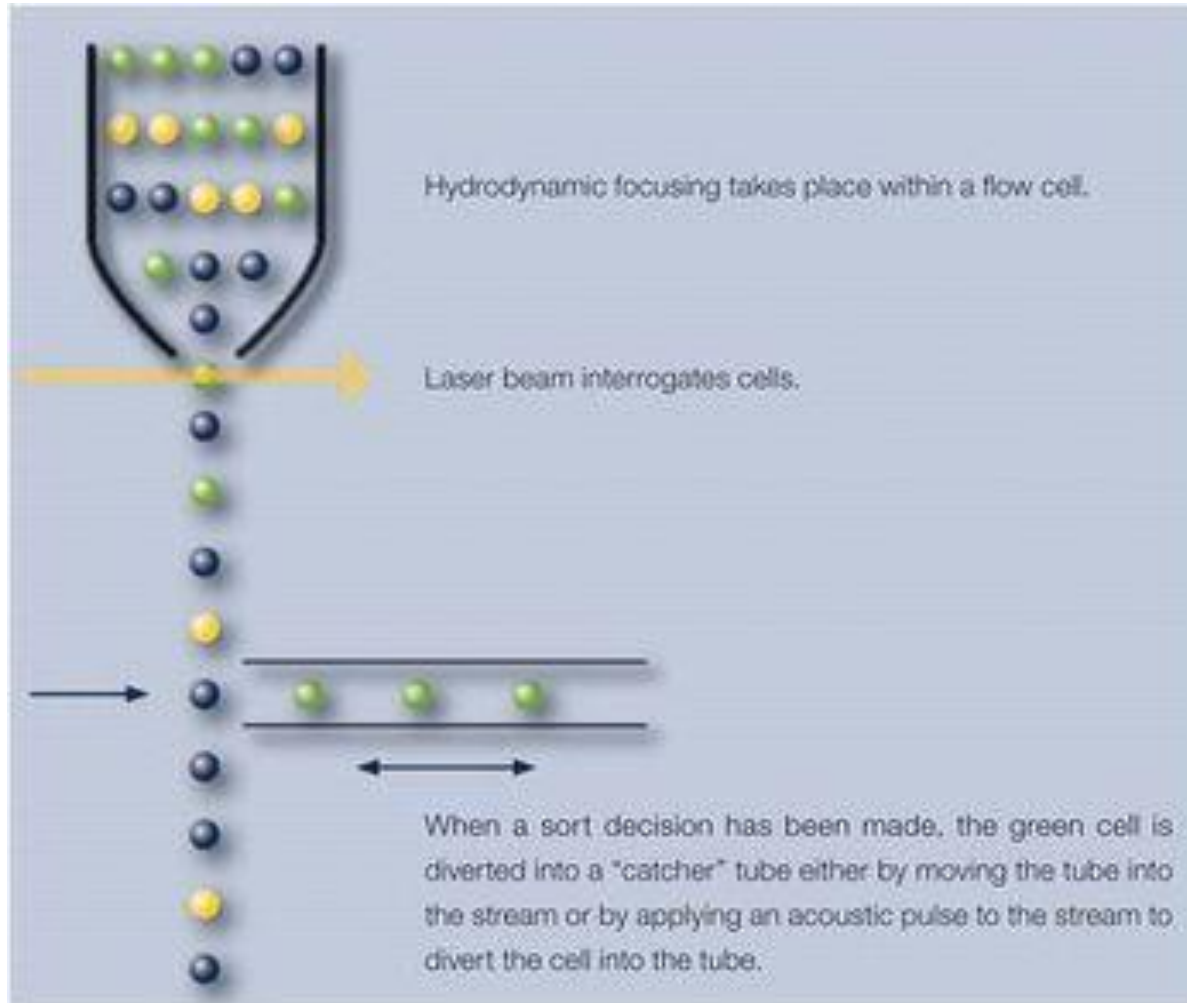
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# Mechanisms of detection



# Fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS)

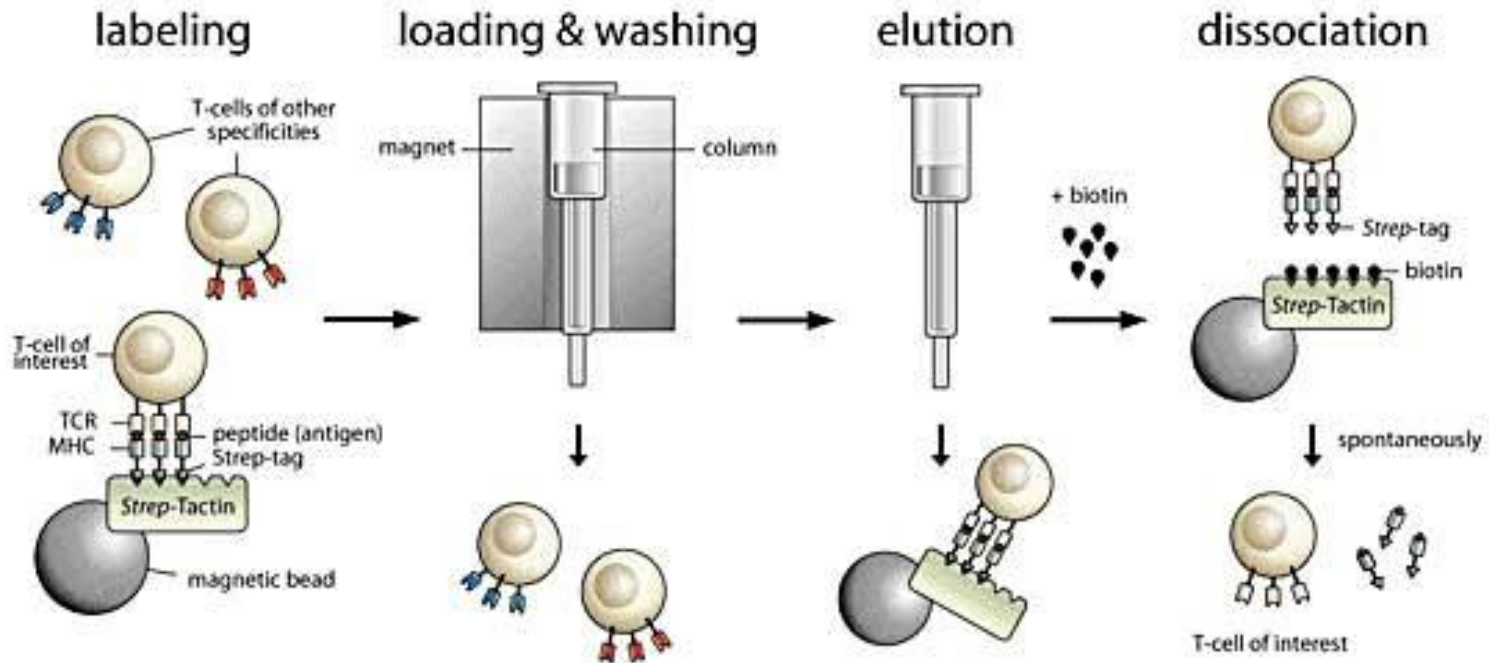
## Electrostatic and mechanic sorting



# Magnetic activated cell sorting (MACS)

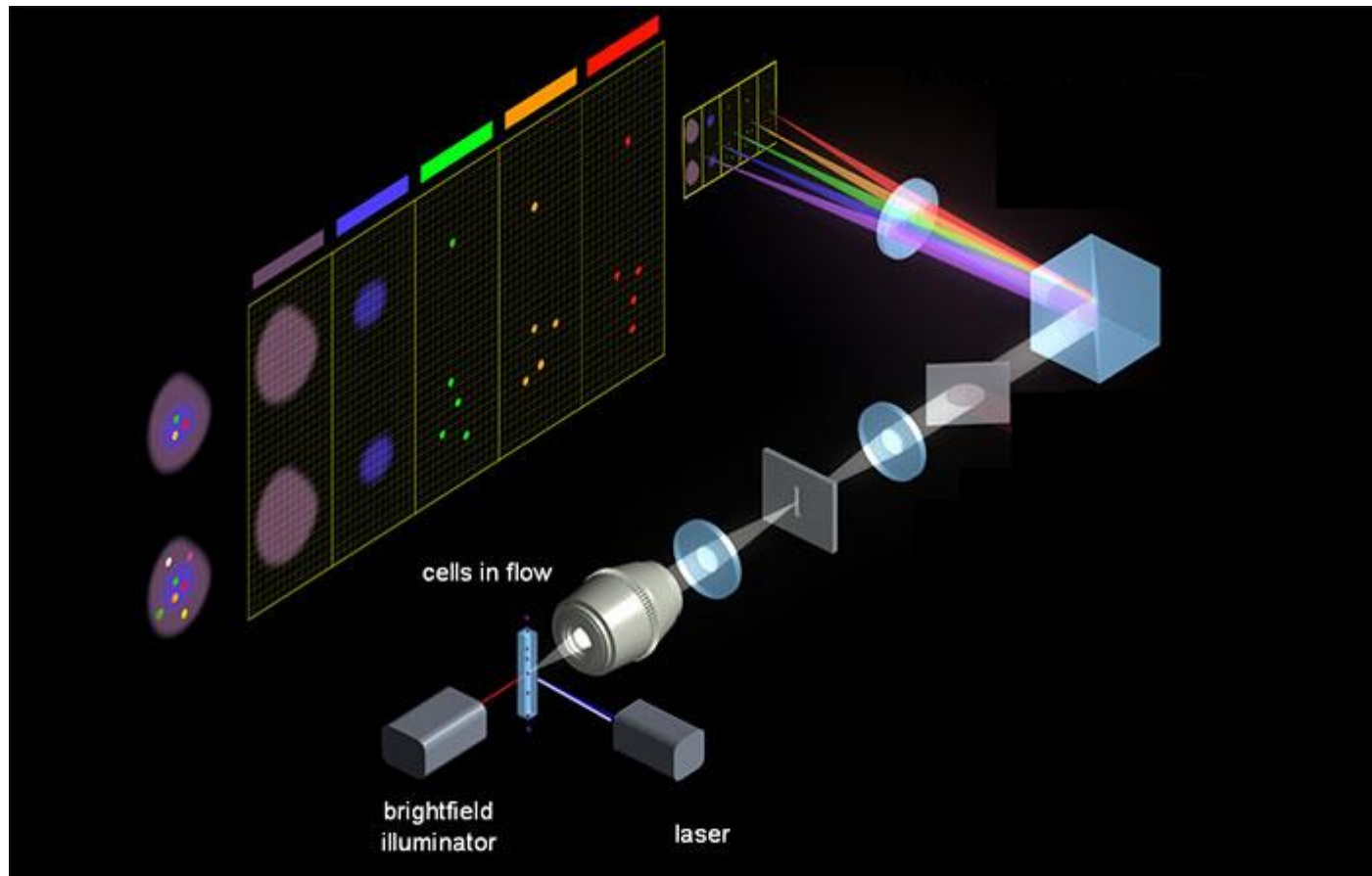
## Streptamer Magnetic Beads

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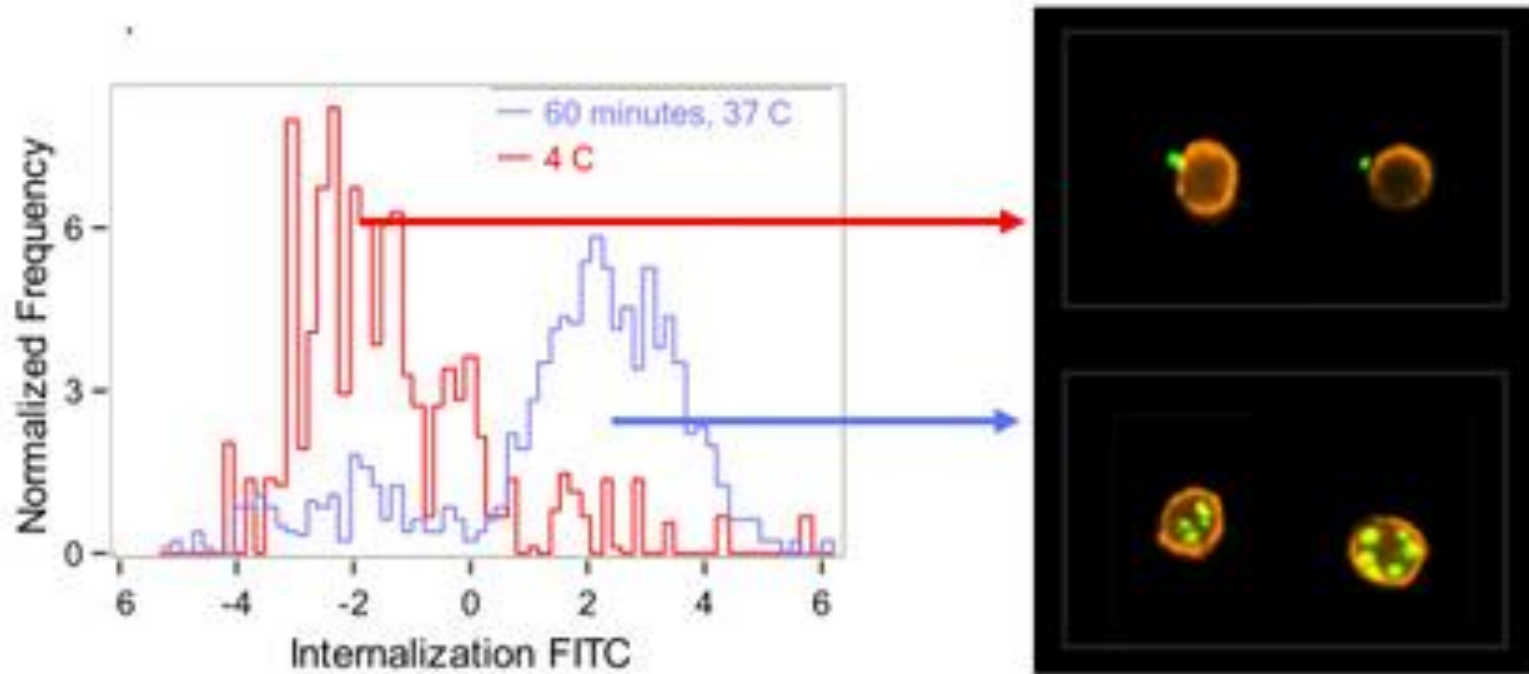
# Imaging flow cytometry

It acquires up to twelve images simultaneously of each cell or object including brightfield, scatter, and multiple fluorescent images at rates of up to 5000 objects per second with high photonic sensitivity.



# Imaging flow cytometry

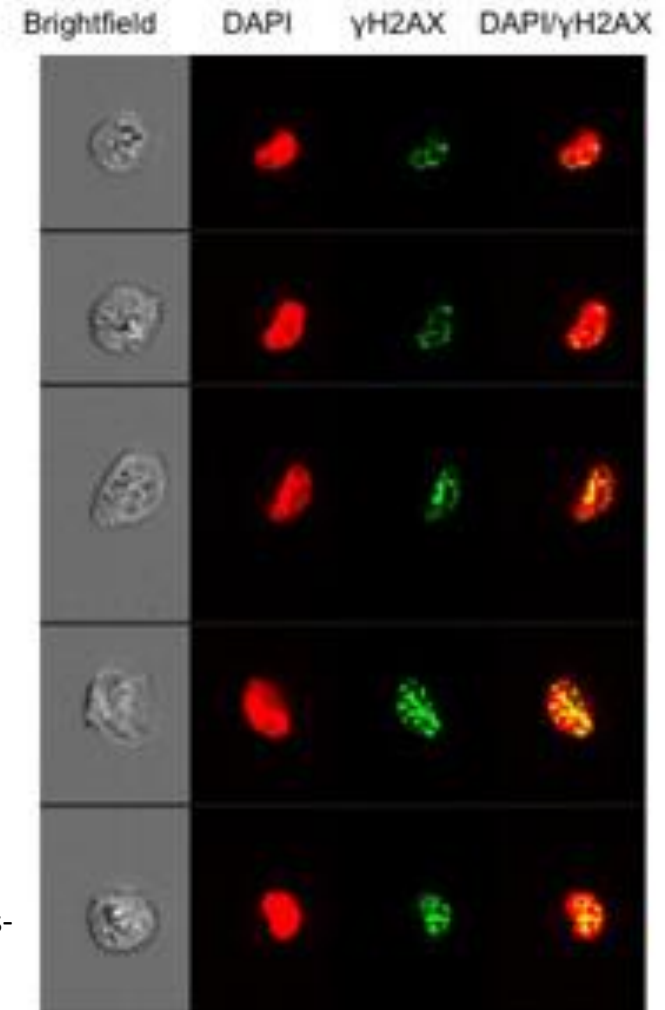
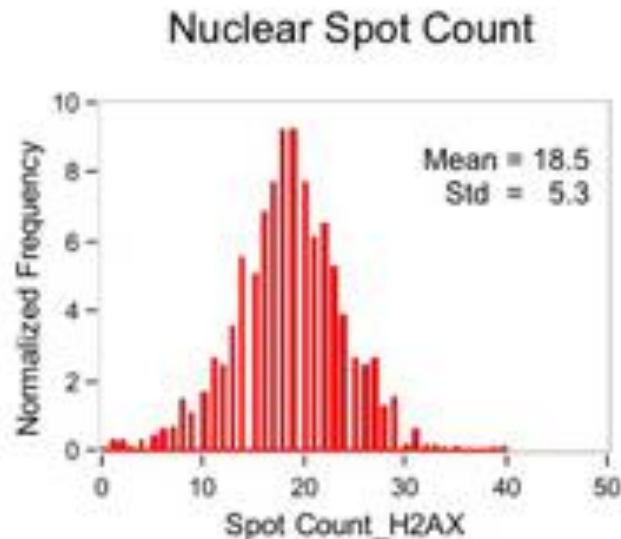
Internalization of zymosan (green) by murine RAW cells (orange) identified by immunophenotyping. Phagocytosis is measured as the percentage of cells with internalized zymosan at 15, 30 and 60 minutes at 37 °C





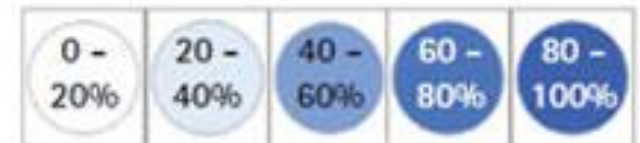
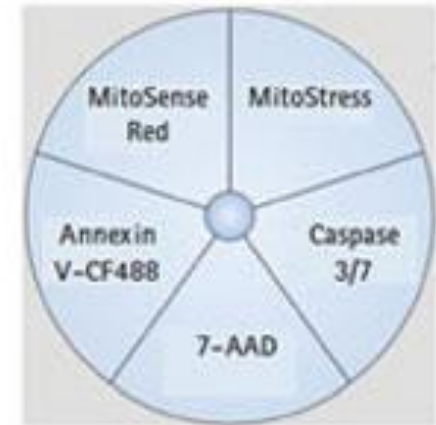
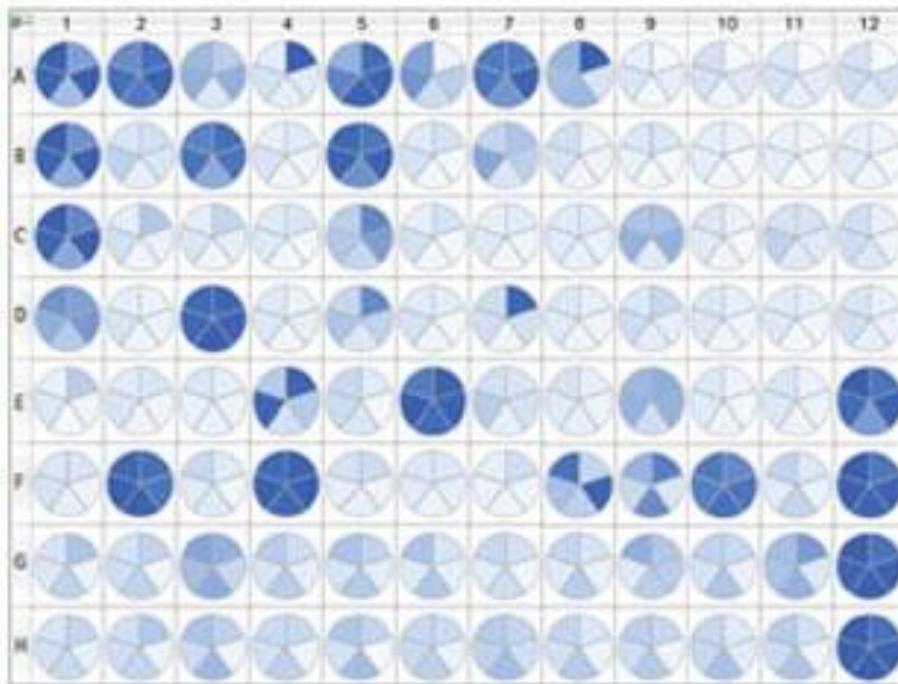
# Imaging flow cytometry

Phosphorylated H2AX ( $\gamma$ -H2AX) facilitates recognition and repair of DNA double strand breaks (DSBs) that may occur from exposure to ionizing radiation. Staining irradiated cells for  $\gamma$ -H2AX reveals nuclear foci that are readily observed microscopically in a dose response manner.



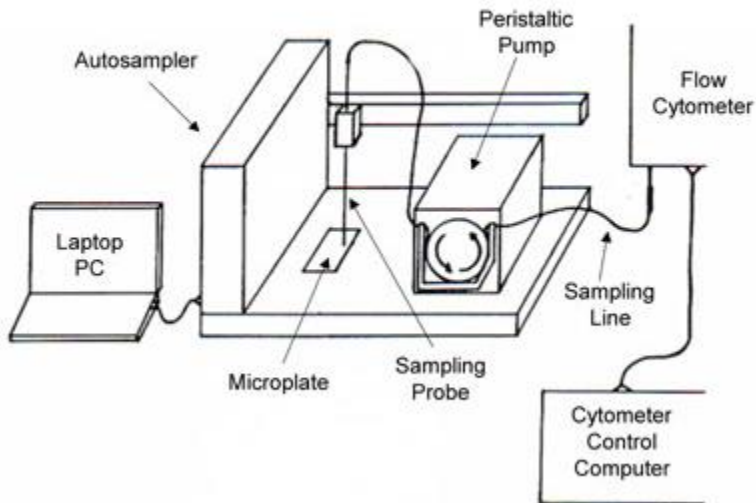
# Cell screening

HeLa 24 hours

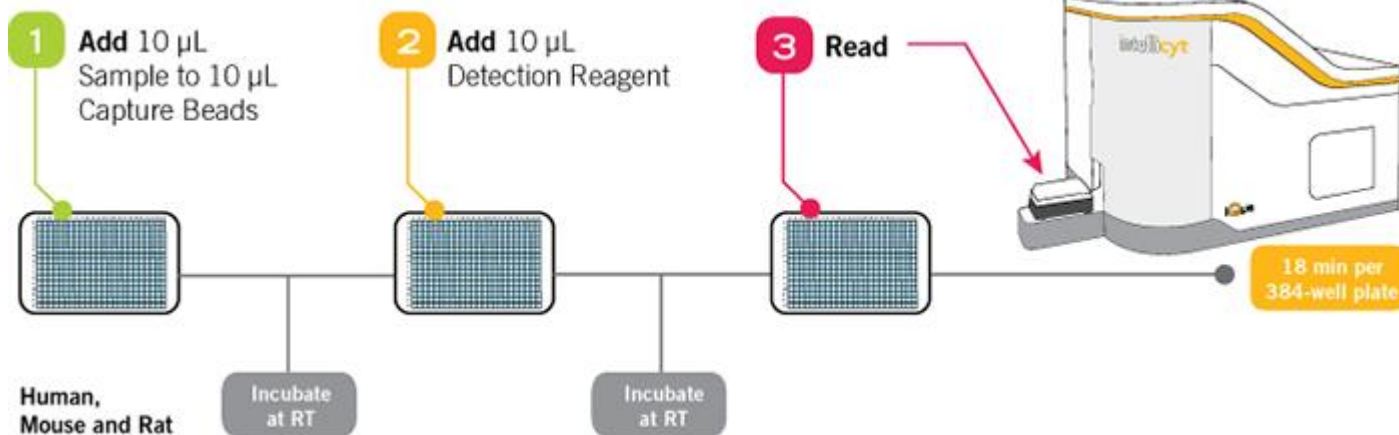
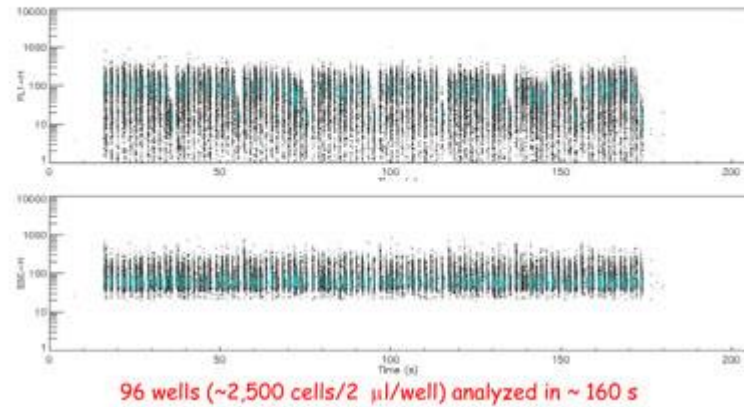


# Cell screening

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# Phenotypic assay - HyperCyt<sup>®</sup>

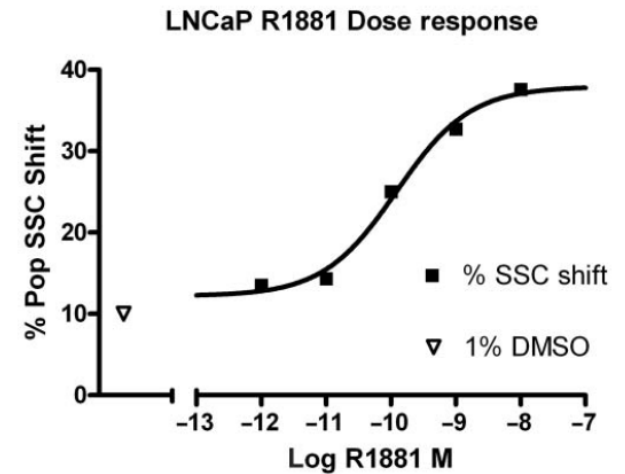
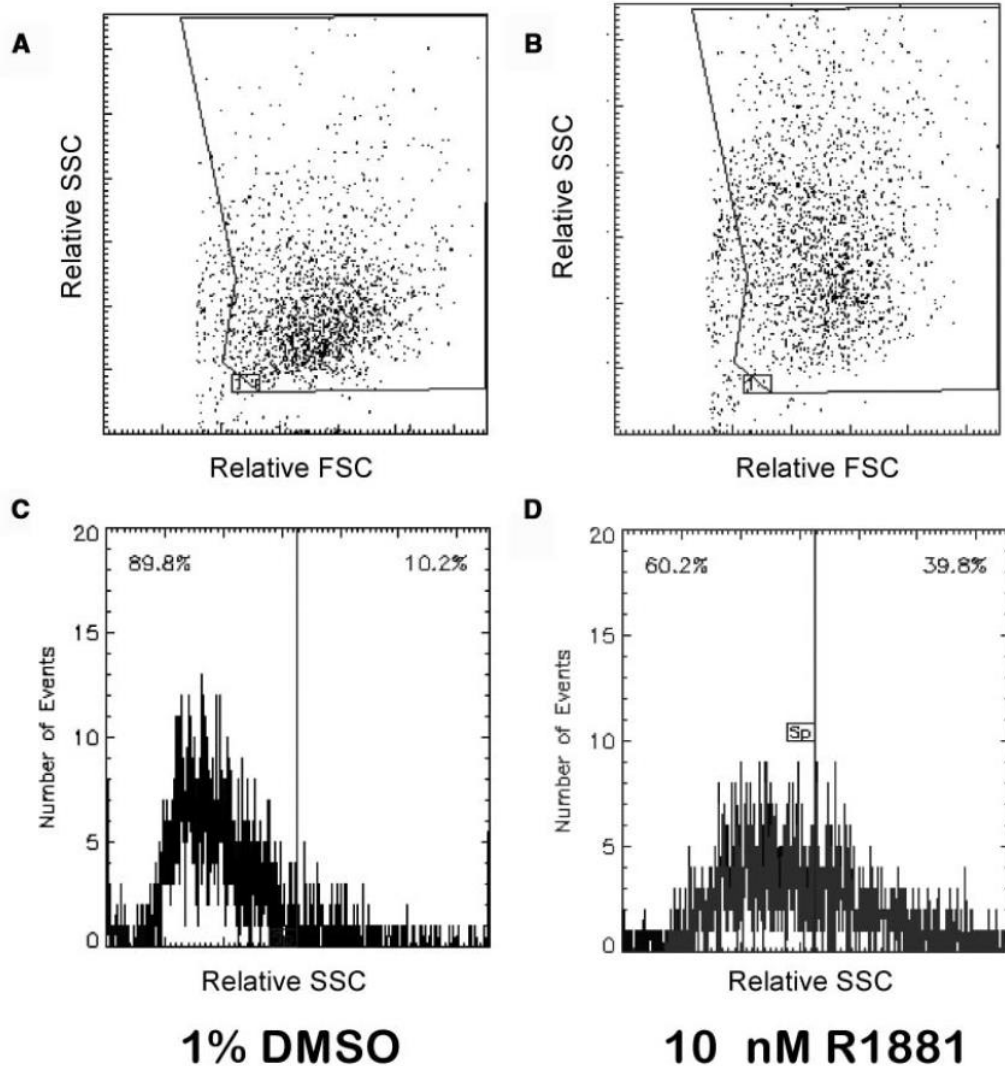


FIG. 2. Concentration response of LNCaP cells to R1881 treatment. A total of 75,000 cells per well were incubated for 4 days with 1% DMSO or varying concentrations of R1881 followed by flow cytometric analysis. The R1881 EC<sub>50</sub> was 122 pM. SSC, side scatter.

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FIG. 1. The synthetic androgen R1881 causes increased intracellular granularity in LNCaP cells. Flask cultures of LNCaP cells were treated with 10 nM R1881 or 1% DMSO for 4 days followed by flow cytometric analysis. Plots of forward light scatter (FSC) versus side light scatter (SSC) (A, B) and SSC versus cell number (C, D) is shown. The 10 nM R1881 treatment (B, D) increased the mean SSC of the LNCaP population (28,900 v. 18,165) as well as the number of cells that exhibited increased SSC (10.2% v. 39.8%) when compared to 1% DMSO (A, C).



# Phenotypic assay

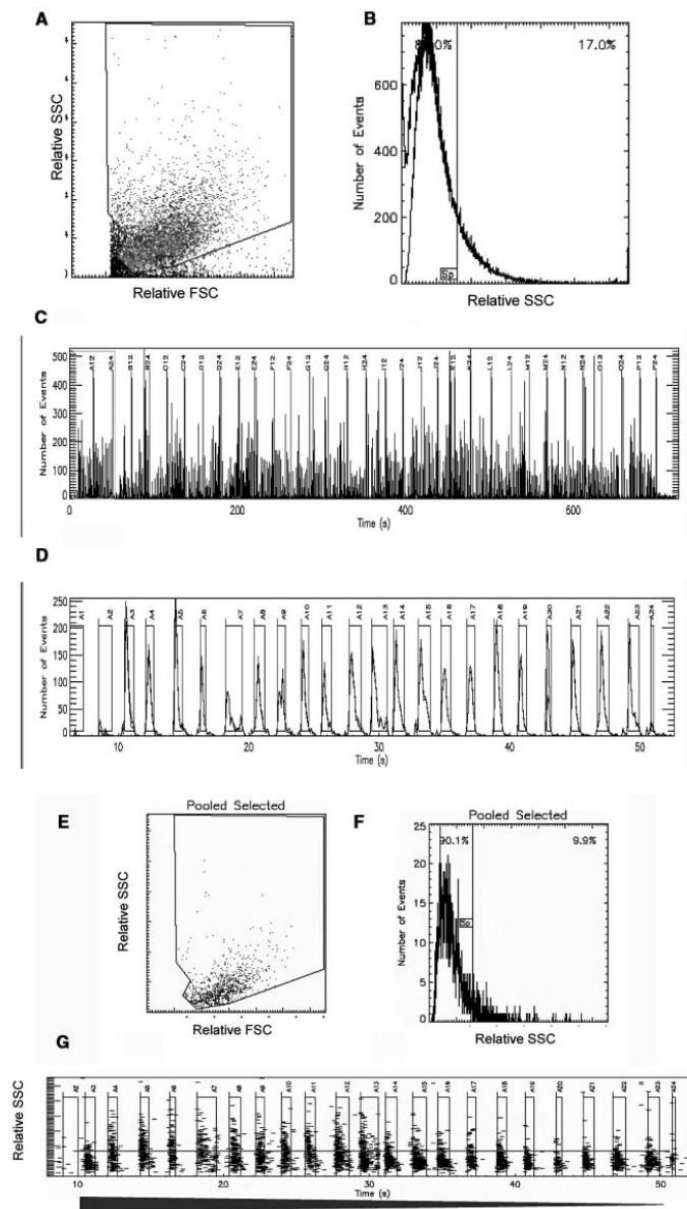


FIG. 3. HyperCyt<sup>®</sup> high-throughput flow cytometry. Individual wells of a 384-well microtiter plate were seeded at 10,000 LNCaP cells per well. Following overnight incubation, 2-fold serial dilutions of R1881 in DMSO were added to replicate wells (n = 8). Negative control wells (n = 8) contained 1% DMSO. Plots of forward light scatter (FSC) versus side light scatter (SSC) (A) and SSC versus cell number (B) represent the entire data set as a single file. The time-resolved format of the entire data set and one dose-response set of “binned” sample wells are shown in C and D, respectively. Pooled negative control samples (E, F) are used to set a 10% SSC split gate that is applied to the treated samples; the “binned” set shown in D is represented in G, where decreasing concentrations of R1881 (filled arrow) result in a decreased percentage of LNCaP cells exhibiting heightened SSC.

## HyperCyt R1881 Titration

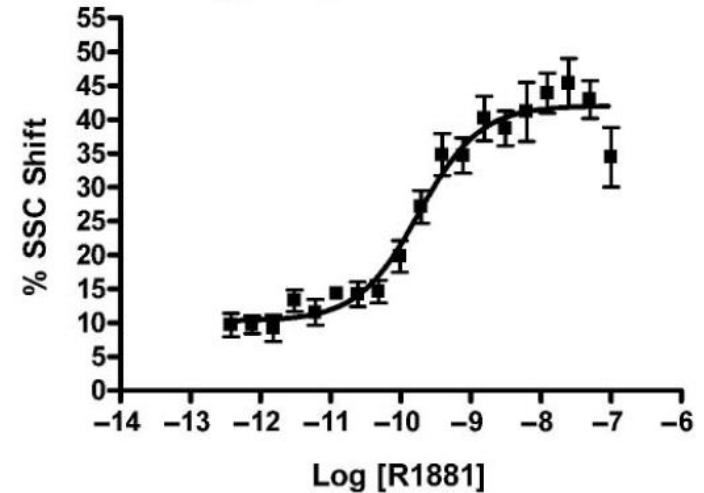
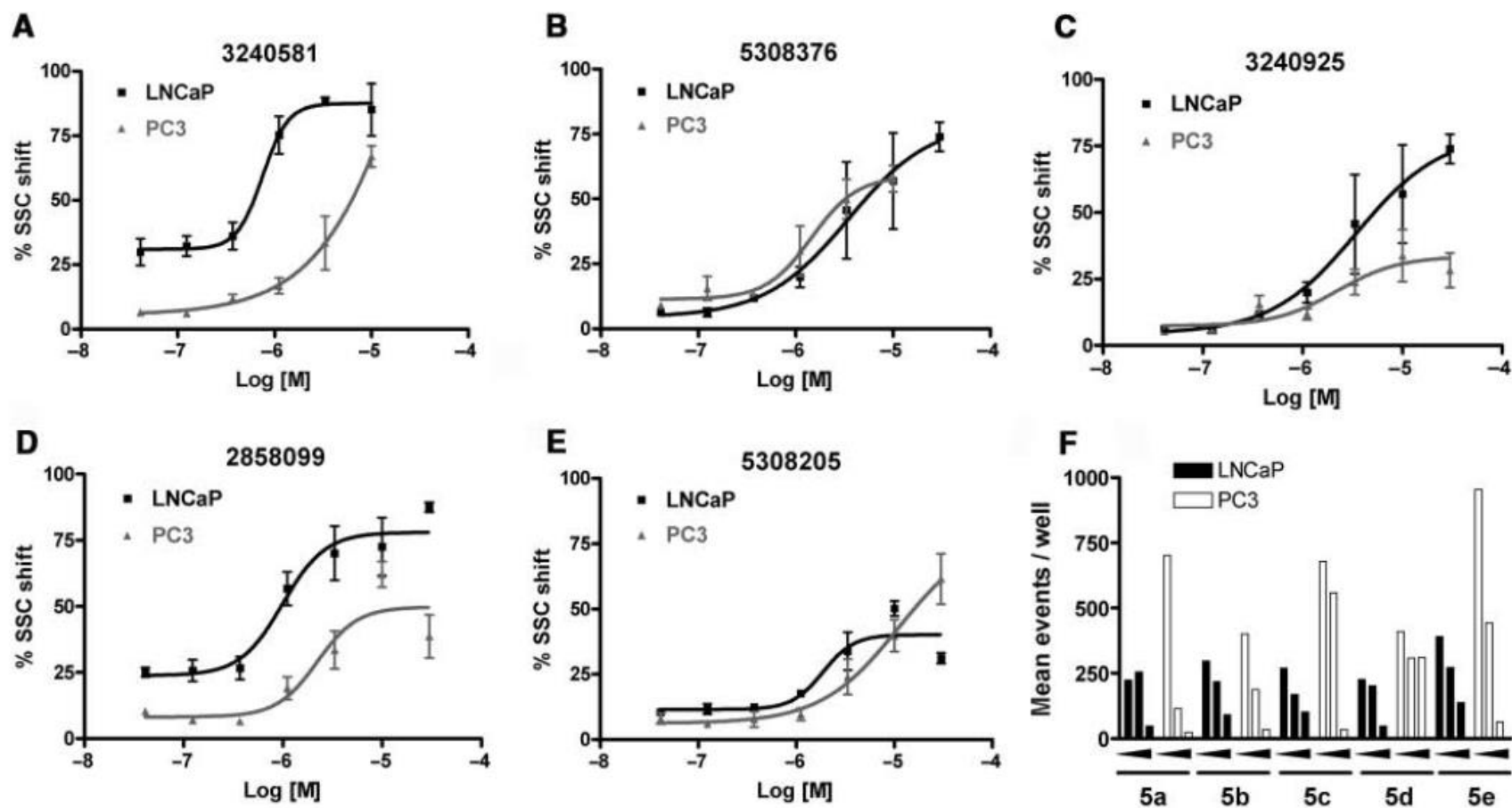


FIG. 4. HyperCyt<sup>®</sup> analysis of the concentration response of LNCaP cells to R1881. Individual wells of a 384-well microtiter plate were seeded at 10,000 LNCaP cells per well. Following overnight incubation, 2-fold serial dilutions of R1881 in DMSO were added to replicate wells (n = 8). Negative control wells (n = 8) contained 1% DMSO. The R1881 EC<sub>50</sub> was 182 pM. SSC, side scatter.

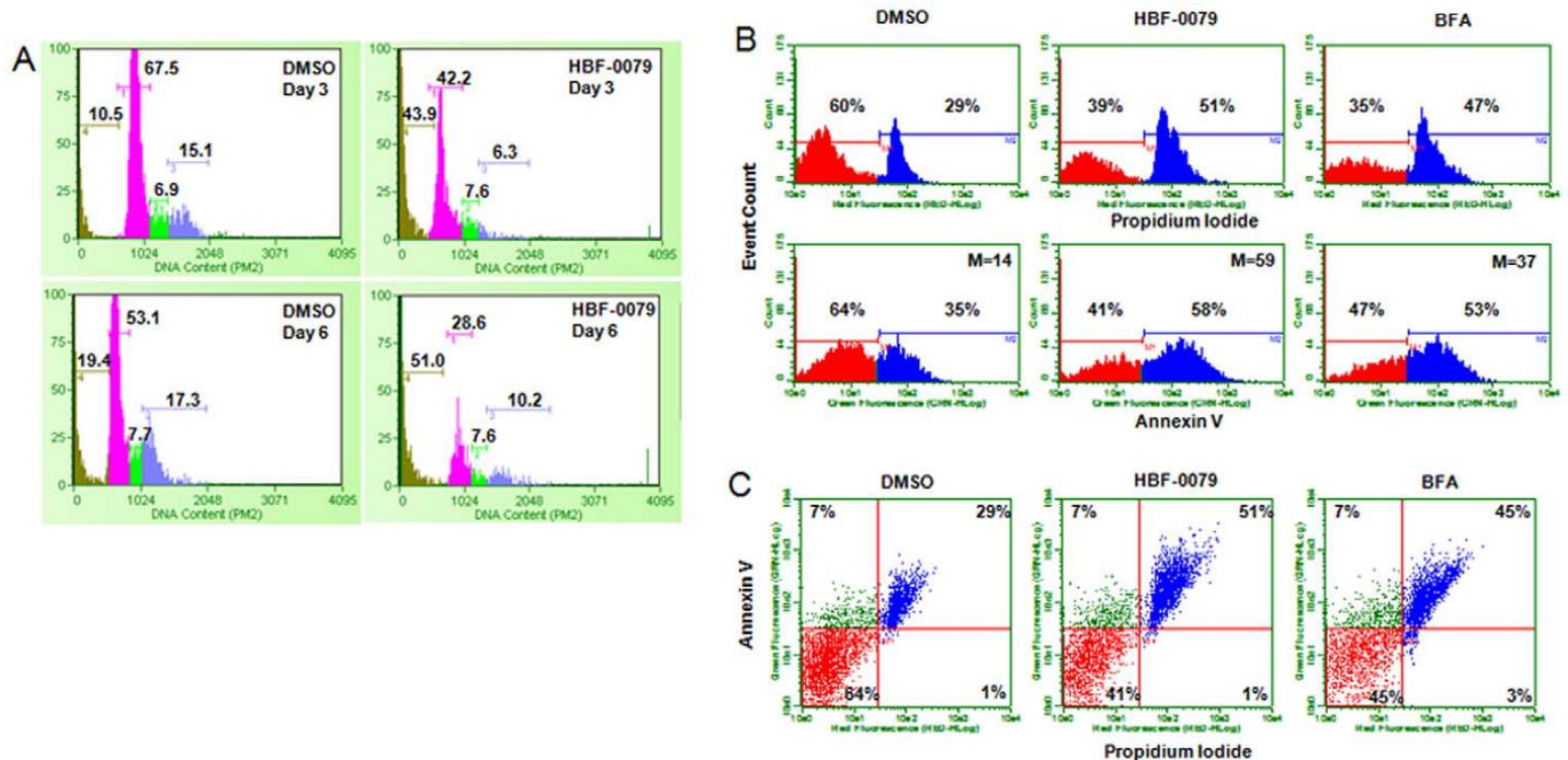
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# Phenotypic assay – concentration-response



**FIG. 5.** Dose-response curves of the best representative compounds from the 5 families discussed in Table 2. LNCaP (closed squares); PC3 (closed triangles). Methods were essentially as described for Figure 4 except that PC3 cells were seeded at 7500 cells per well. (A) LNCaP EC<sub>50</sub> was 0.77 μM, and PC-3 EC<sub>50</sub> was 6.5 μM. (B) LNCaP EC<sub>50</sub> was 3.35 μM, and PC3 EC<sub>50</sub> was 1.46 μM. (C) LNCaP EC<sub>50</sub> was 3.45 μM, and PC3 EC<sub>50</sub> was 2.21 μM. (D) LNCaP EC<sub>50</sub> was 0.99 μM, and PC-3 EC<sub>50</sub> was 2.21 μM. (E) LNCaP EC<sub>50</sub> was 1.87 μM, and PC3 EC<sub>50</sub> was 11.14 μM. (F) A composite graph indicating the event count observed when the cells were exposed to 3, 10, and 30 μM of the 5 compounds depicted in the graphs.

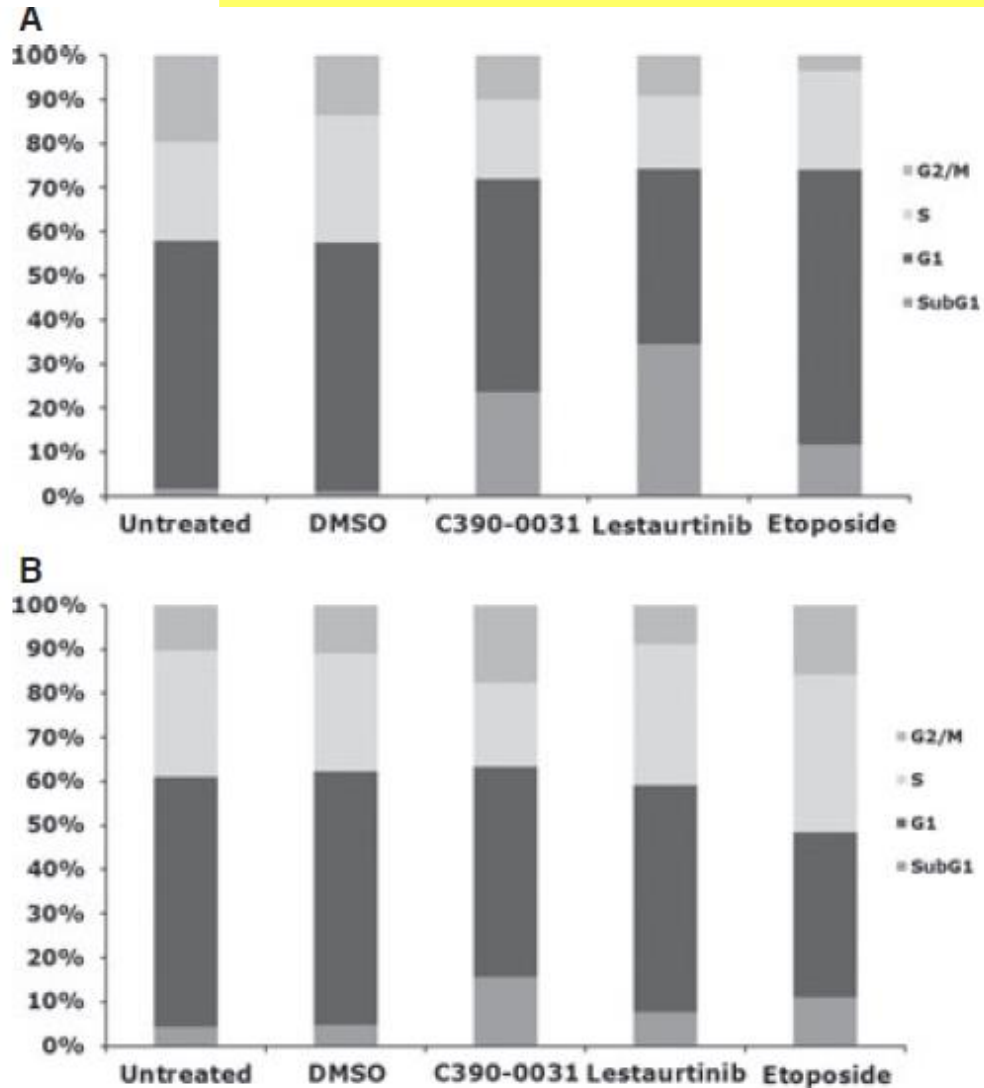
# Cell cycle



**Figure 4. HBF-0079 induces cell cycle arrest and apoptosis in HCC cells.** (A) Log-phase Huh7 cells were incubated in the absence or presence of 10  $\mu$ M HBF-0079 or 0.5% DMSO for up to 6 days. Cell cycle phase distribution was determined at days 3 and 6 by PI labeling of total DNA content flow cytometry, and analysis through the Guava Cell Cycle Assay software module. From left to right, colored areas indicate SubG<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub>, G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub>, S, G<sub>2</sub>/M phases. Cell population percentages in each phase are indicated above peaks. (B) PI vs annexin V staining of Huh7 cells treated with DMSO, HBF-0079, or BFA for 6 days. Top panels depict histograms of staining intensity vs cell/event count; bracketed areas indicate percentage of cells positive for strong vs weak staining with PI or Annexin V as indicated by the X axis. Shift in toward stronger Annexin V staining is indicated by median value (M) calculated from a linear axis (not shown). (C) Dot plot analysis of PI vs Annexin V co-staining of data set from (B), with percentage of cells in each quadrant indicated. Cells in upper right quadrant are positive for both PI and Annexin V, indicating onset of apoptosis. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0054595.g004



# Cell cycle



**Figure 5:** Flow cytometry data for SY5Y TrkA (A) and TrkB G7 (B) cells.



# Cell death

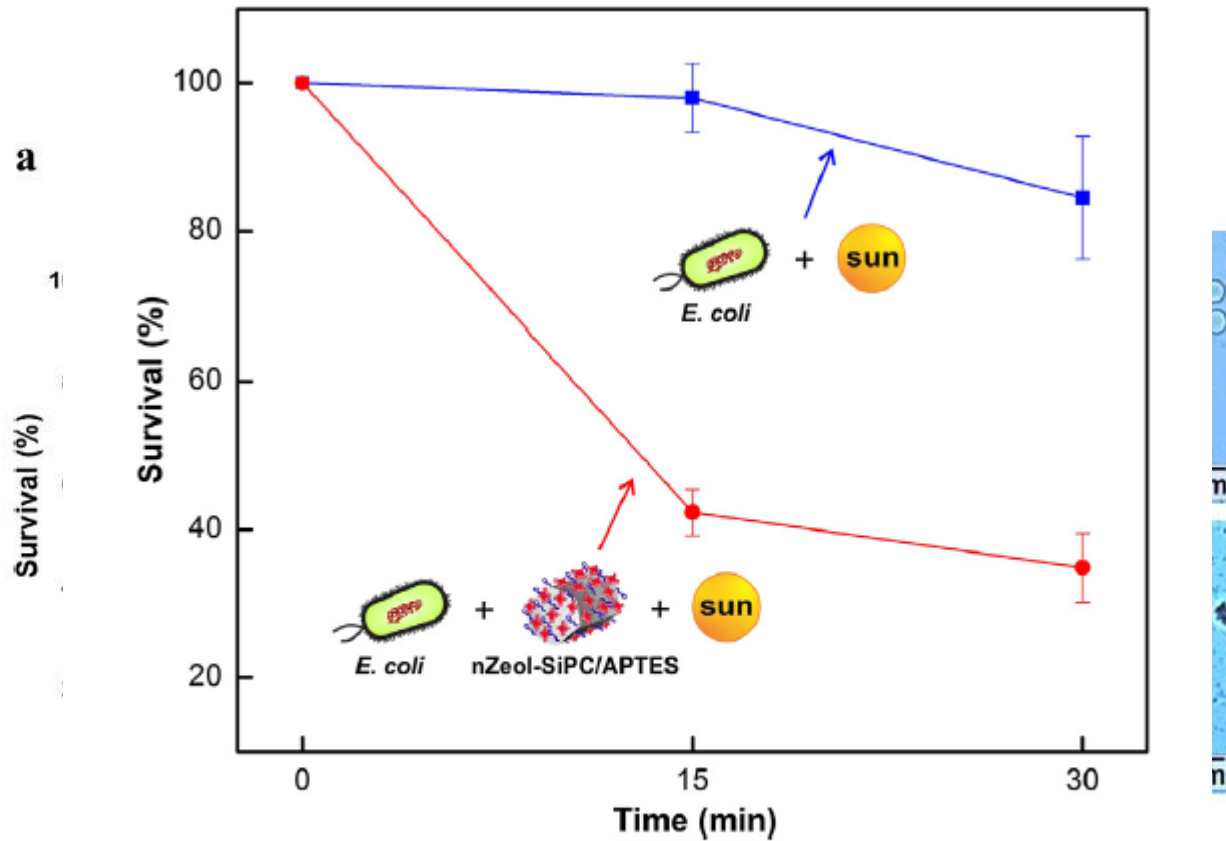
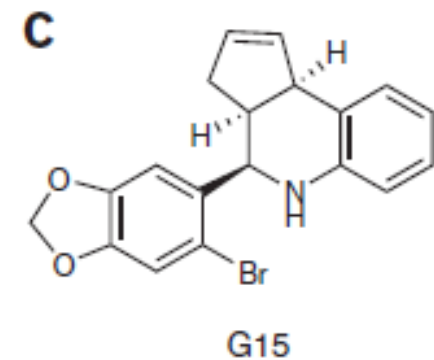
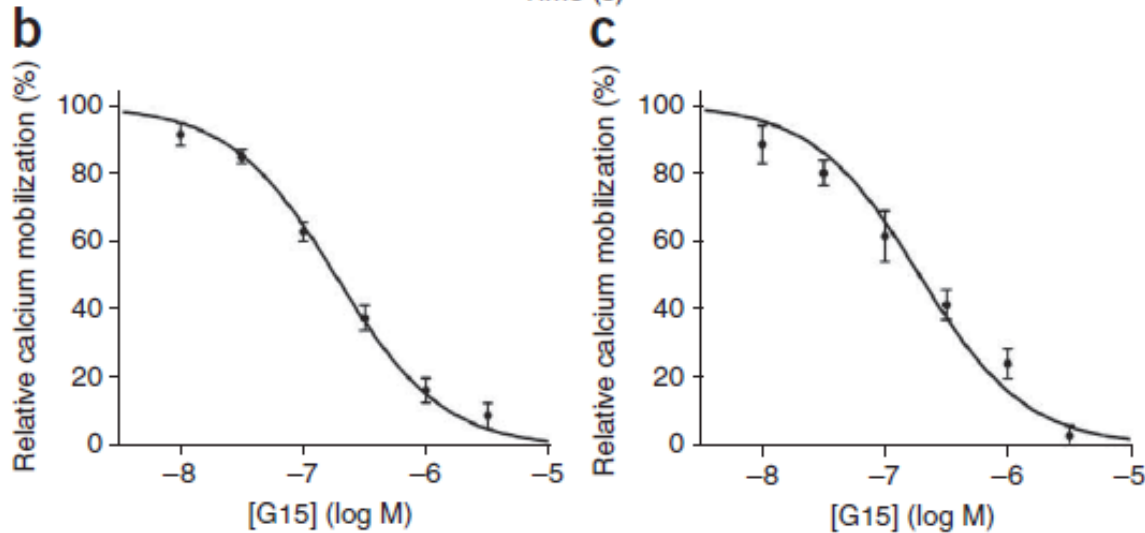
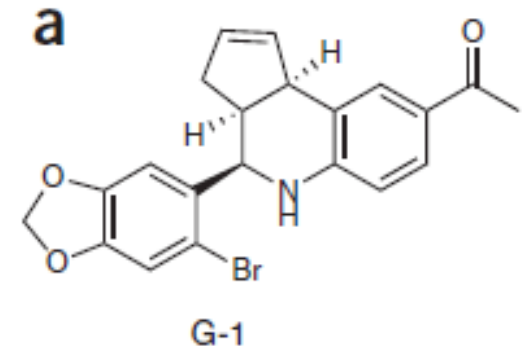
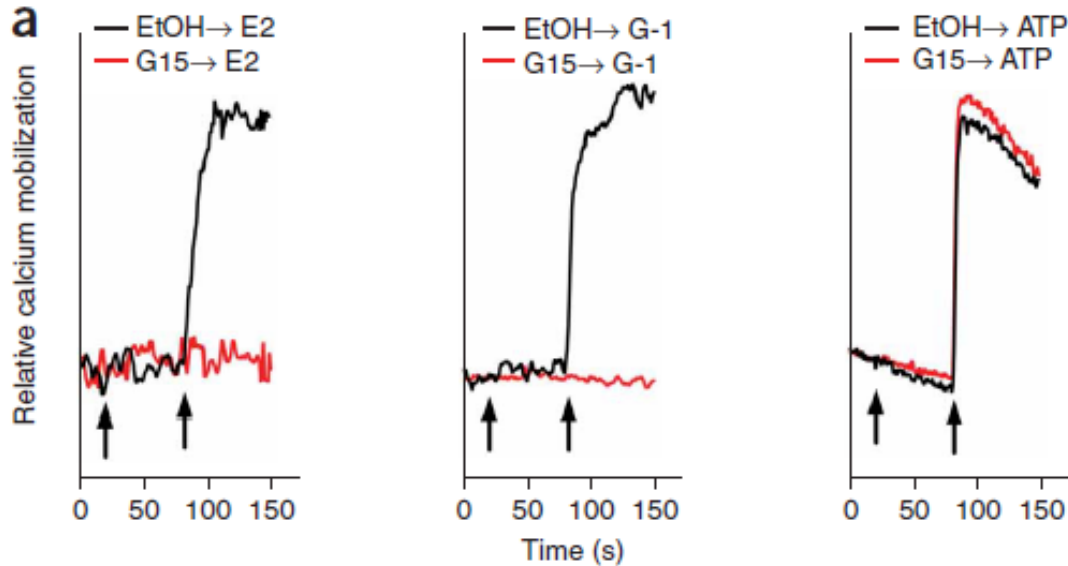


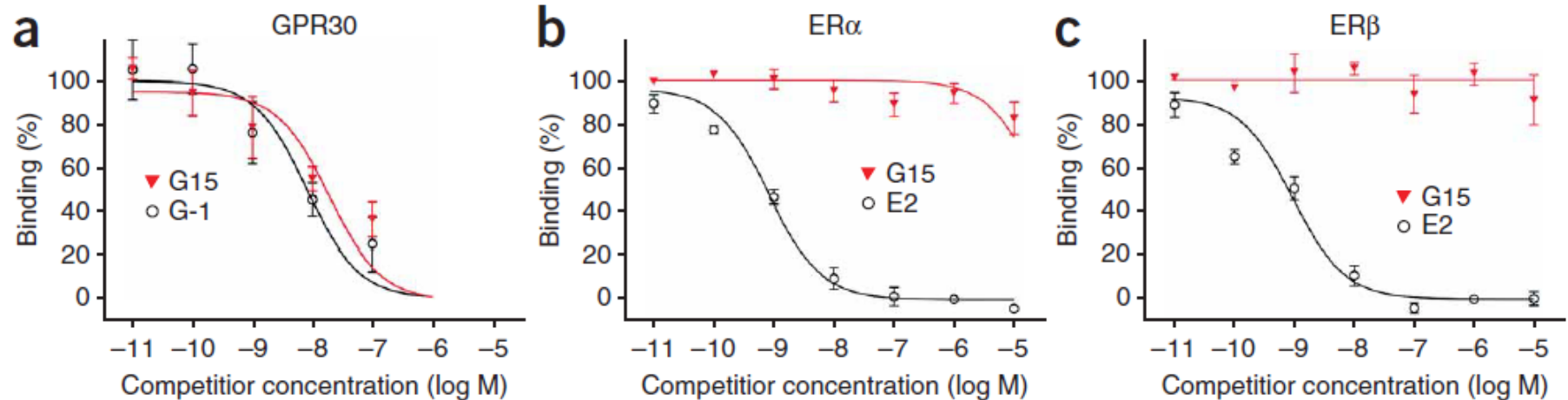
Fig. 4. Influence of the nanomaterial on the viability of *E. coli* cells in the first minutes of sunlight irradiation ( $1000 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ). Experiments were done in triplicate in two different days.

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# Cell-signalling assay



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**Figure 2** Ligand binding properties of G15. Ligand binding affinities of 17 $\beta$ -estradiol, G-1 and G15 for GPR30, ER $\alpha$  and ER $\beta$ . **(a)** For GPR30, Hec50 cells, which endogenously express GPR30 but do not express ER $\alpha$  or ER $\beta$ , were incubated with trace quantities of an iodinated G-1 derivative and the indicated concentration of either G-1 or G15 as competitor. **(b,c)** For ER $\alpha$  and ER $\beta$ , COS7 cells were transfected with either ER $\alpha$ -GFP **(b)** or ER $\beta$ -GFP **(c)**. Competitive ligand binding assays were performed using 10 nM E2-Alexa633 and the indicated concentration of either 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (E2) or G15. Data indicate the mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. of at least three separate experiments.