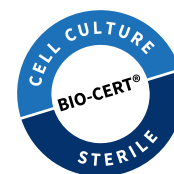


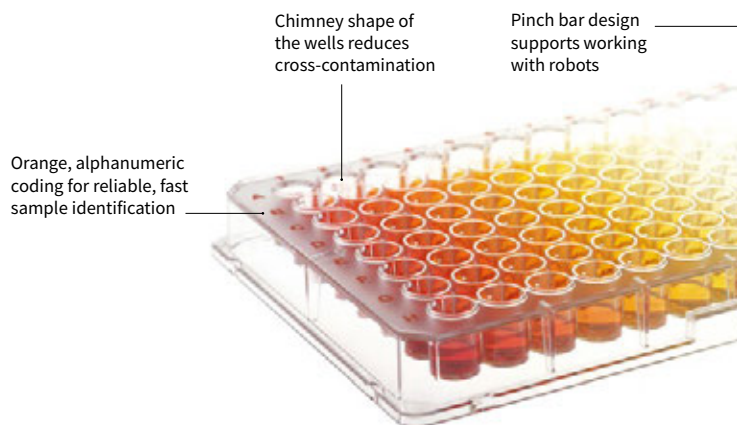
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- Cultivation of suspension cells
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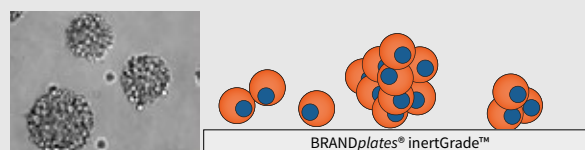
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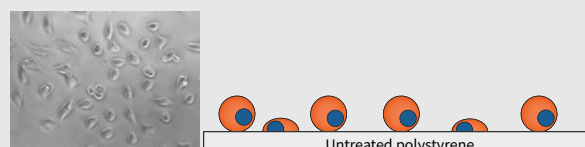
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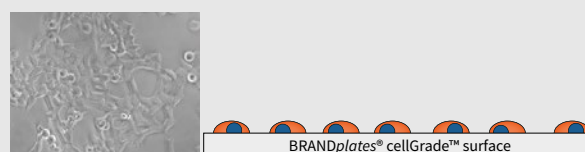
#### Untreated polystyrene

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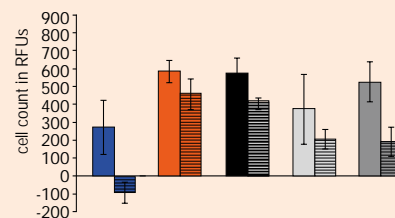
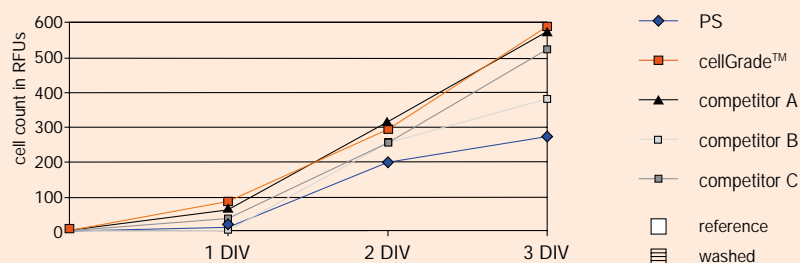
## Types

cellGrade™	cellGrade™ plus	cellGrade™ premium	inertGrade™
<b>For the cultivation of adherent cells</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard surface for the cultivation of adherent cell lines.</li> <li>PS-surface with different chemical groups, such as carboxyl and hydroxyl groups, that are freely accessible.</li> <li>Surface is hydrophilic compared with non-treated PS.</li> <li>Serum components are easily bound onto the freely accessible chemical groups, allowing an indirect adhesion of cells.</li> </ul>	<b>For reduced-serum media cultivation of cells</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For cultivation of fastidious cell lines.</li> <li>In addition to carboxyl and hydroxyl chemical groups, free amino groups are present on the surface.</li> <li>The surface has a protein-like composition, so cells can directly attach and spread out.</li> <li>Cells adhere faster, better rate of yield.</li> <li>Sensitive cell lines can be cultivated.</li> </ul>	<b>Poly-D-Lysine equivalent surface</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poly-D-Lysine equivalent surface, with analogous results regarding growth performance and cell morphology.</li> <li>Optimal adhesion of cells to the surface reduces cell damage when washing frequently.</li> <li>Cultivation of cell lines with the highest demands on their environment.</li> <li>Surface suited for serum-free and serum-reduced cultivation of cells.</li> <li>Good shelf life at room temperature.</li> <li>The alternative option to biologically coated surfaces.</li> </ul>	<b>For cultivation of suspension cells</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Especially suited for cell cultures when adhesion is not desired.</li> <li>Optimized surface characteristics reduce cell adhesion, protein adsorption and keeps enzyme activation and cellular activation to a minimum.</li> <li>Inhibits early differentiation of stem cells.</li> </ul>

## Technical information & Ordering data

### cellGrade™ microplates

Comparison of proliferation and adhesion after washing (CHO cells)

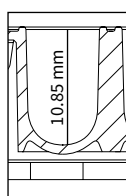


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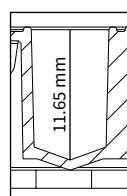
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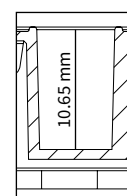
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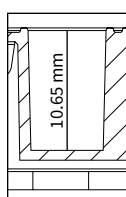
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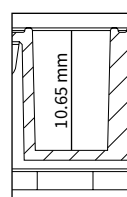
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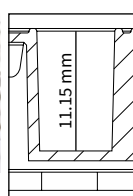


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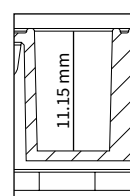


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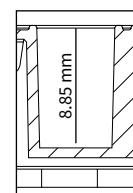


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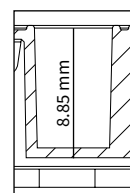
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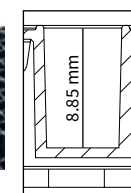
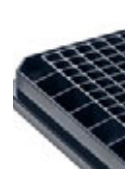
Standard microplates



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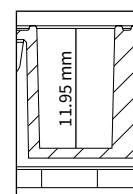


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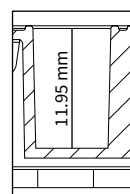
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## 384-well

with transparent bottom



384-well



384-well

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Bottom thickness [μm]	400		400	
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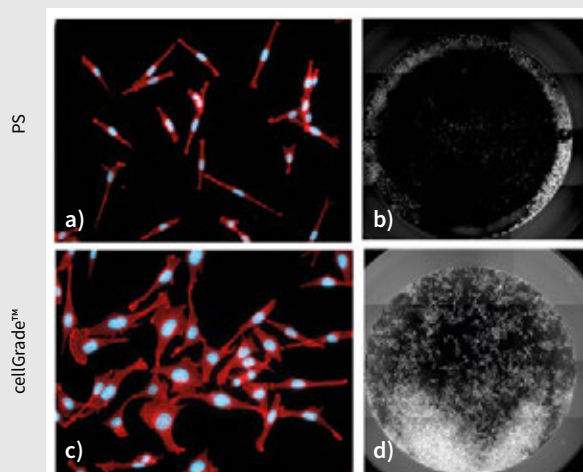
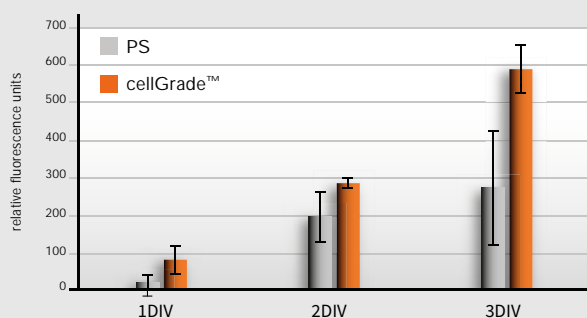
## Technical Note

### Proliferation of CHO cells on BRANDplates® cellGrade™ surface

Author: BRAND GMBH + CO KG

#### Culture conditions

For each experiment CHO cells were seeded at a density of 6000 cells/cm<sup>2</sup> in wells of transparent 96-well F-bottom BRANDplates® (#781962) and cultivated in DMEM medium containing 7% FCS at 37 °C, 95% relative humidity and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.



a), c) Phalloidin-TRITC marked F-Aktin (red), nucleus (blue)

CHO cells cultivated on BRANDplates® cellGrade™ show higher fluorescence signals indicating higher cell numbers when compared to non-treated microplates (PS).

b), d) The whole-well scans show significantly improved cell adhesion on the cellGrade™ surface after completing crystal violet staining.

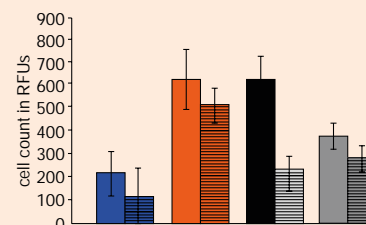
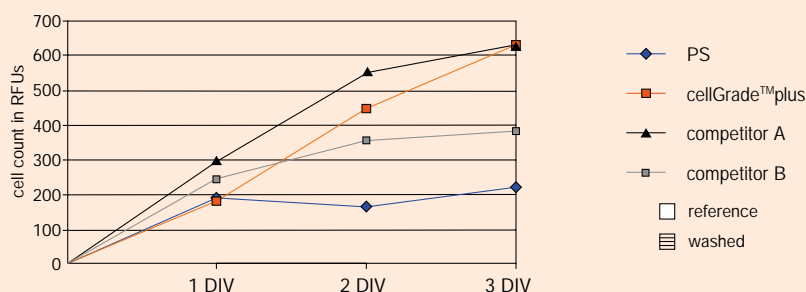
#### Conclusion

BRANDplates® with cellGrade™ surface perfectly support attachment and proliferation of CHO cells.

## Technical information & Ordering data

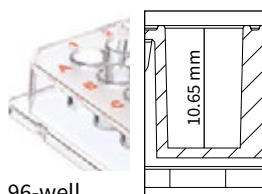
### cellGrade™ plus microplates

Comparison of proliferation and adhesion after washing (HepG2 cells)



### 96-well

Standard microplates

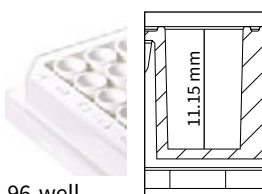


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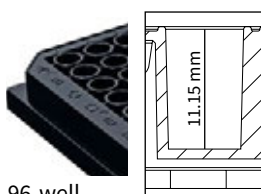
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### 96-well

with transparent bottom



96-well



96-well

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Working volume [μl]	50-310		50-310	
Bottom thickness [μm]	750		750	
Cultivation area [mm²]	31		31	
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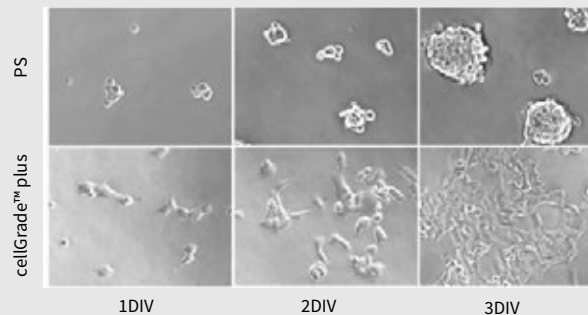
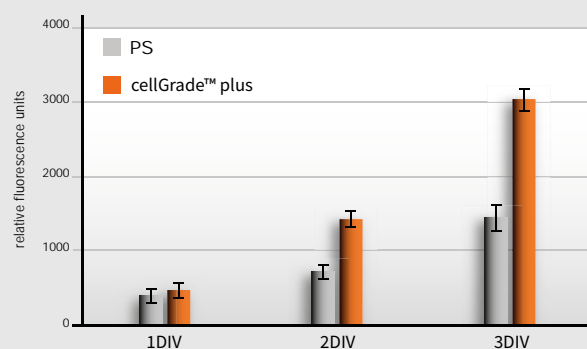
## Technical Note

## Proliferation of HEK293 cells on BRANDplates® cellGrade™ plus surface

Author: BRAND GMBH + CO KG

## Culture conditions

For each experiment HEK293 cells were seeded at a density of 6000 cells/cm<sup>2</sup> in wells of transparent 96-well F-bottom BRANDplates® (#782022) and cultivated in DMEM medium containing 7% FCS at 37 °C, 95% relative humidity and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.



Comparative phase contrast images of HEK293 cells cultivated in untreated (PS) and cellGrade™ plus treated microplates. DIV days in vitro, (200x zoom)

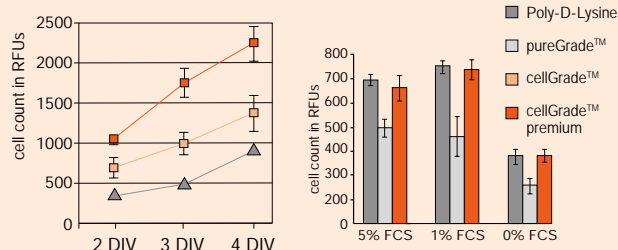
## Conclusion

BRANDplates® with cellGrade™ plus surface perfectly support attachment and proliferation of HEK293 cells.

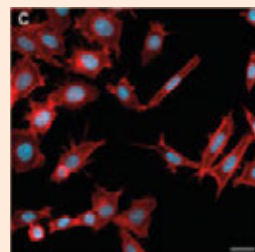
## Technical information & Ordering data

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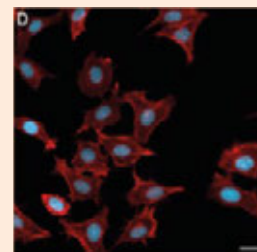
#### comparison of proliferation (HeLa cells)



Actin cytoskeleton (red) with cell nucleus (blue)



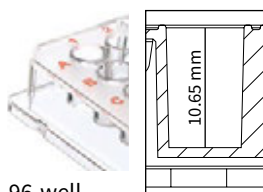
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Poly-D-Lysine

### 96-well

#### Standard microplates



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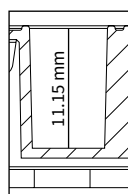
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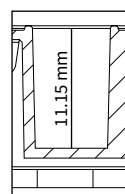
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96-well



96-well



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Working volume [μl]	50-310	50-310
Bottom thickness [μm]	750	750
Cultivation area [mm²]	31	31
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Lid	50 pieces	1 piece
Pack of	50 pieces (individually wrapped)	5 pieces (1 bag of 5 pieces)
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Color	white	black
Well volume [μl]	330	330
Working volume [μl]	50-310	50-310
Bottom thickness [μm]	750	750
Cultivation area [mm²]	31	31
sterile		sterile
Lid	50 pieces	1 piece
Pack of	50 pieces (individually wrapped)	5 pieces (1 bag of 5 pieces)
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## Application Note

### High yields of transfected cells with BRANDplates® cellGrade™ premium surface

Author: Martin Liss, Sabine Kraft Neuromuscular & Cardiovascular Cell Biology, Max-Delbrück-Centrum Berlin, Germany

#### Introduction

Transfection is defined as non-viral DNA/gene delivery into eukaryotic cells performed by several chemical, physical or biological methods. The subsequent exogenous expression of a tagged protein in cell culture is a well established approach to investigate function and localization of the protein of interest. In normal culture medium, nucleases present in serum could degrade DNA while other serum components tend to form complexes with nucleic acids, thereby reducing the availability of DNA for transfection [Ref.1]. To avoid such interference, serum free culture medium is required for successful transfections. However, serum deprivation

can reduce cell viability, proliferation and attachment. To partially compensate for these negative effects arising from serum deprived culture conditions, special modifications of cell culture surfaces have been developed to support cell attachment and increase cellular yields after transfection. Here we compare 3 different microplate surfaces regarding their ability to support proliferation and attachment of transfected cells during washing steps. It is shown, that on the cellGrade™ premium surface transfected cells were retained in same quantity when compared to 96-well microplates of other manufacturers.

#### Material and Methods

HEK293.EBNA cells were cultured in DMEM 4.5 g/L Glucose with L-glutamine supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 100 units/mL penicillin/streptomycin. Cells were seeded in comparable tissue culture treated black 96-well microplates with transparent bottoms and grown at 37 °C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. A total of 200 ng/well GFP-encoding plasmid-DNA pEGFP-C1 was used to transfect cells using 40 kDa linear polyethylenimine at a ratio of 1:3 DNA:PEI40 24 hrs later [Ref.2]. After an incubation of 72 hrs, culture medium

was changed to PBS and one set of cultures from each microplate was washed additional 2 times with 200 µL PBS at 37 °C using an electronic multichannel pipette at lowest dispensing speed in order to not disturb the cell monolayer. For read-out a TECAN Infinite® M200 PRO was used to detect the remaining relative fluorescent units (RFUs) at ex485/em535 nm. The detector of the plate reader was adjusted according to the highest signal intensity to be measured.

#### Results

A transfection mastermix was used to transfect cultured cells on different plates in order to achieve comparable transfection efficiency (Fig.1).

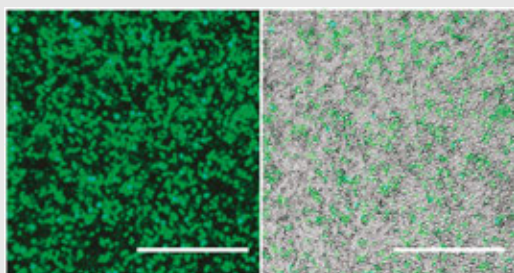


Figure 1: Example of transfected HEK293.EBNA cells expressing GFP 72 hrs post-transfection. Scale bar 500 µm.

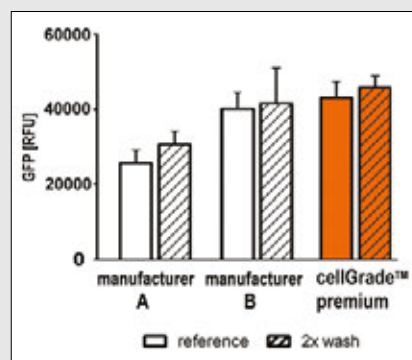


Figure 2: Measurement of GFP relative fluorescence units (RFU) shows the good performance of BRANDplates® cellGrade™ premium surface in promoting proliferation and attachment of transfected HEK293.EBNA cells.

To ensure an equal pipetting strength during washing an electronic multichannel pipette was used. In this case the only variable is the TC culture surface of different manufacturers. The quantification of relative GFP fluorescence units shows that cellGrade™ premium surface promote proliferation of transfected cells and retain GFP expressing cells after washing to the same extent as TC-treated microplates from competitors.

#### Conclusion

BRANDplates® cellGrade™ premium surface can improve experimental performance when cell proliferation or cell binding to culture surface is critical.

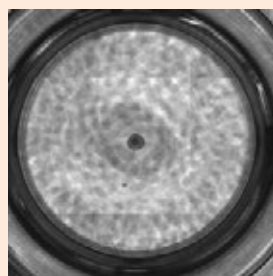
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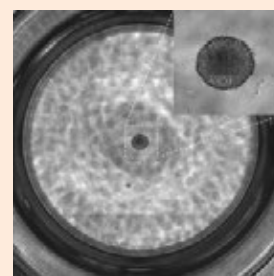
## Technical information & Ordering data

### inertGrade™ microplates

- Surface effectively suppresses cell adhesion
- For cultivating stem cells
- Ideal for generating tumor spheroids



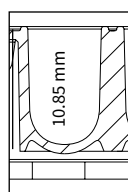
Wellscan of U-bottom plate (781900) with single spheroid formed by L292 cells.



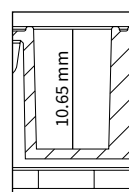
Close-up of the spheroid

### 96-well

#### Standard microplates



96-well

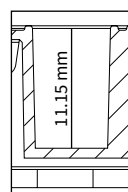


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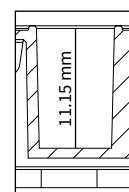
Bottom	U-bottom	F-bottom
Color	transparent	transparent
Well volume [μl]	330	350
Working volume [μl]	40-300	50-320
Bottom thickness [μm]	850	850
Cultivation area [mm²]	n.a.	32
	<b>sterile</b>	<b>sterile</b>
Lid	50 pieces	50 pieces
Pack of	50 pieces (individually wrapped)	50 pieces (individually wrapped)
Cat. No.	781900	781902

### 96-well

#### with transparent bottom



96-well



96-well

Bottom	F-bottom	F-bottom
Color	white	black
Well volume [μl]	330	330
Working volume [μl]	50-310	50-310
Bottom thickness [μm]	750	750
Cultivation area [mm²]	31	31
	<b>sterile</b>	<b>sterile</b>
Lid	50 pieces	50 pieces
Pack of	50 pieces (individually wrapped)	50 pieces (individually wrapped)
Cat. No.	781910	781911

	1 piece	1 piece
	5 pieces (1 bag of 5 pieces)	5 pieces (1 bag of 5 pieces)
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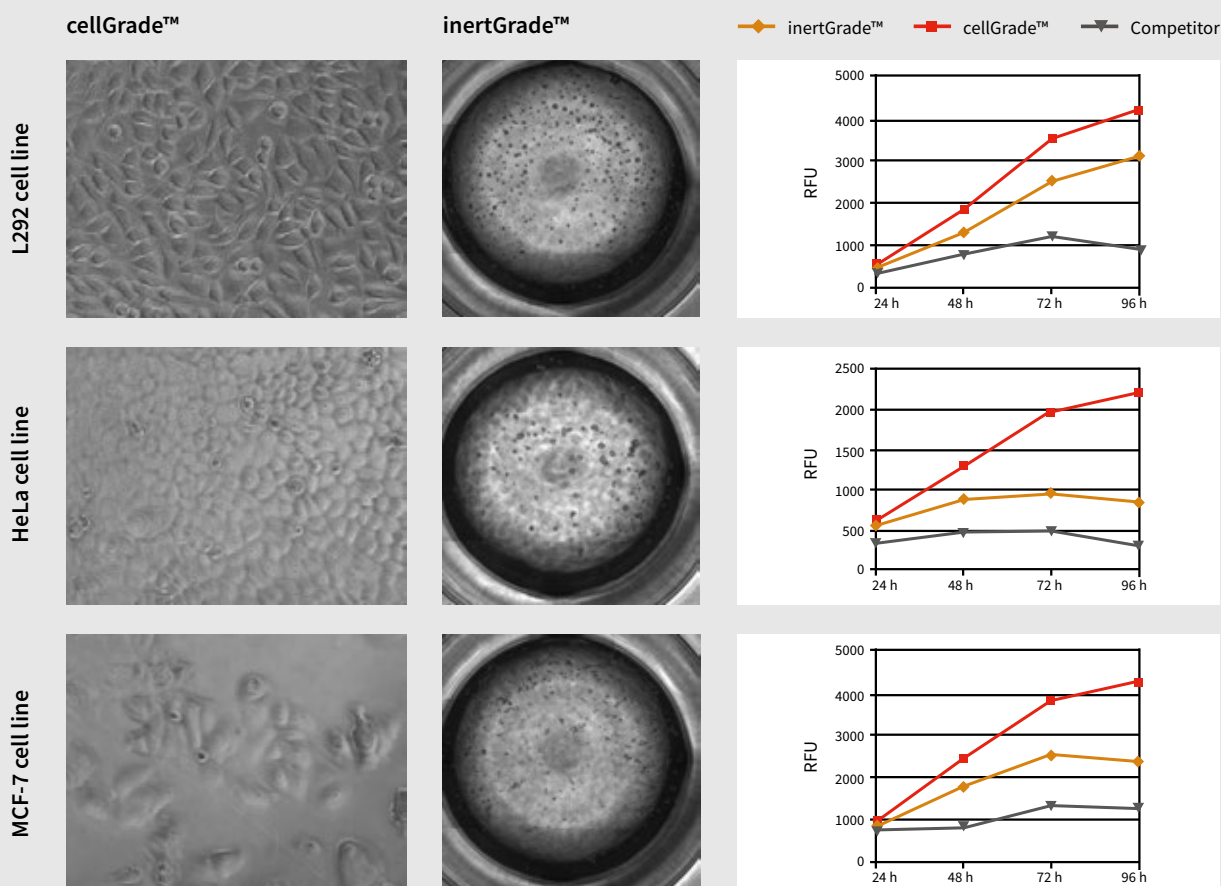
## Application Note

### BRANDplates® inertGrade™

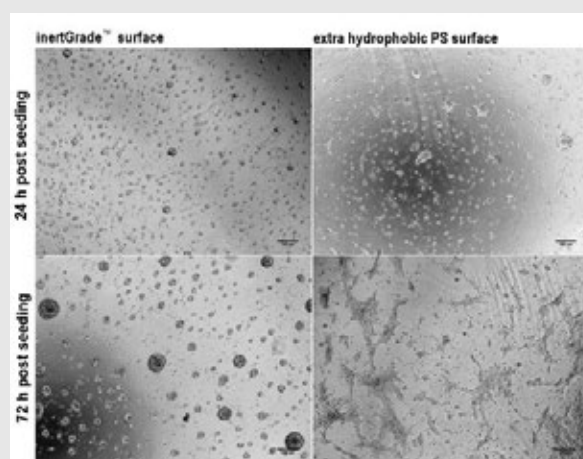
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In many cell culture techniques, such as producing tumor spheroids or embryoid bodies, the suppression of integrin-mediated adhesion to surfaces plays a crucial role.

The illustration shows that adherent growing cell lines can be made to form spheroids with a comparably high cell division rate by cultivating them on the inertGrade™ cell culture surface.



The cell-repellent surface of the BRANDplates® inertGrade™ also demonstrates effective suppression of cell adhesion when cultivating stem cells. This prevents contact-induced and uncontrolled differentiation and maintains the stem cell character.



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