### Cell attachment and proliferation under various conditions

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#### **Objectives**



- Visualize the effects of different serum concentrations on cell proliferation
- Quantitatively assess proliferation over time under varying serum concentrations



#### Measuring cell attachment

- 10,000 cells/mL suspensions prepared in DMEM with 10% FBS
- 1 mL cells seeded into each of 12 wells on:
  - TC treated
  - non-TC treated
  - Fibronectin treated 24 well plate
- Cells in 1 mm<sup>2</sup> of each of three wells manually counted under light microscope at 30 min, 1:15, 2:30, and 4:00 hours after incubation



#### Visualizing cell proliferation

- 20,000 cells/mL suspensions prepared in DMEM with 1%, 5%, and 10% FBS and seeded into 3 wells on TC treated 24 well plate
- After 2 days incubation, experimental wells treated with anti-PCNA antibody and stained with AEC solution and hematoxylin
- Nuclei of cells in S phase stain red
- Percentage of cells committed to divide estimated by eye under light microscope



#### **Tracking cell proliferation**

- 5,000 cells/mL suspensions prepared in DMEM with 1%, 5%, and 10% FBS
- Wells on TC treated 24 well plate seeded with three samples of each suspension, for 4 total days of measurement, then incubated
- 3 wells per sample trypsinized and counted with Coulter Counter at 0, 1, 3, and 6 days after incubation





Data for fibronectin coated plate collected by Alex Siller and data for TC treated plate averaged with data collected by Alex Siller

### Greatest attachment on TC treated plate after 4 hours



- Initial cell count 10,200 cells/well
- n = 3 samples
- Fn > TC (T-test, p < 0.01)
- TC > non-TC (p < 0.01)

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## Serum increases cell proliferation



% FBS in DMEM	Observations
1%	Blue cells, dark blue nuclei, 30% red nuclei
5%	50% red, half of cells in S phase
10%	80% red nuclei, 20% not in S phase

### Serum promotes cell proliferation over time





## Fastest cell doubling time in 10% media

Doubling Time (days)		
1%	5.1	
5%	1.7	
10%	1.5	

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$$T_d = (t_2 - t_1) * \frac{\log(2)}{\log(\frac{q_2}{q_1})}$$
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- Calculated over 5 day data range  $(t_2 t_1)$
- Lowest doubling time indicates fastest proliferation rate



# 10% FBS better than 5% or 1% for cell proliferation

- Anti-PCNA assay
  - Most cell nuclei stained red
  - Dividing cells most prevalent
- Proliferation assay
  - Greatest proliferation rate
  - Lowest doubling time



# Fibronectin treated plate better for cell attachment



- Greatest percentage of cells attached
- No significant difference in attachment rate (T-test, p>0.05)

# Conditions for optimal cell attachment and proliferation

- Fibronectin coated plate
  - Attachment rate inconclusive
  - Greatest percentage of attached cells in comparison to TC and non-TC plates
- DMEM with 10% FBS
  - Greatest amount of cell proliferation
  - Greatest proliferation rate in comparison to 1% and 5% FBS

