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Abstract

MTT assay was performed to investigate the cytotoxicity of samples against normal cells and leukemic cell lines according to these methods of Rueankham et al., 2023 and Moschini et al., 2023. The MTT dye is converted by NAD(P)H-dependent cellular oxidoreductase from viable mitochondria into insoluble formazan crystals.

Materials

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1. PBS, pH 7.4
2. Histopaque-1077
3. RPMI-1640 containing 10% fetal calf serum, 1 mM L-glutamine, 100 units/mL penicillin and 100 µg/mL streptomycin
4. IMDM supplemented with 20% FBS, 100 units/mL penicillin and 100 µg/mL streptomycin
5. MTT dye solution
6. DMSO

Equipment

1. A humidified incubator
2. A centrifuge
3. A microplate reader
4. A laminar flow cabinet



MTT assay

- 1 100 μ L of cell suspensions at the following cell concentrations, 2.5×10^5 cells/mL for PBMC, 1.5×10^4 cells/mL for KG1a, and 1.0×10^4 cells/mL for K562 or Molt4 were pipetted into the well of the flat-bottomed 96-well plates.
- 2 100 μ L of each sample at concentrations ranging from 3.125 to 200 μ g/mL and doxorubicin (concentrations ranging from 0.01 to 4 μ g/mL) as a positive control were added to cells. A medium without a sample was used as a negative control.
- 3 incubated for 48 h at 37°C
- 4 15 μ L of 0.2 mg/mL MTT dye solution was pipetted into each well and the plate was further incubated for 4 h at 37°C.
- 5 After the supernatants of the well were removed, the formazan crystals were dissolved in 200 μ L of DMSO.
- 6 The absorbance of the solutions was measured at 578 nm using 630 nm as reference wavelength.

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