

Materials List for:

Optimized Fibrin Gel Bead Assay for the Study of Angiogenesis

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Name	Type	Company	Catalog Number	Comments
Cytodex-3 Beads	Reagent	Amersham	17-0485-01	10 g/bottle. 1.0.5 g of dry beads are hydrated and swollen in 50 mL PBS (pH=7.4) for at least 3 hours at RT. Use a 50 mL tube and place it on the rocker. 2. Let the beads settle down (~ 15 min). Discard the supernatant and wash the beads for a few minutes in fresh PBS (50 mL). 3. Discard the PBS and replace with fresh PBS: 25 mL -> 20 mg/mL => 60000 beads/mL or 50 mL -> 10 mg/mL => 30000 beads/mL. 4. Place the bead suspension in a siliconized glass bottle (Windshield Wiper or Sigmacote). 5. Sterilize the beads by autoclaving for 15 min at 115°C. 6. Store it at 4°C.
Aprotinin	Reagent	Sigma-Aldrich	A-1153	10mg/bottle. Reconstitute lyophilized aprotinin at 4 U/mL in DI water. Sterile filter. Make aliquots of 1 mL each. Store at -20°C.
Fibrinogen Type I	Reagent	Sigma-Aldrich	F-8630	1g. Dissolve 2 mg/mL fibrinogen in DPBS. Note clottable protein % and adjust accordingly. Heat in a 37°C-water bath to dissolve the fibrinogen. Mix by inverting the tube. Do not vortex. Sterile filter through 0.22 µm
Thrombin	Reagent	Sigma-Aldrich	T-3399	22 mg=1000 units. Reconstitute in sterile water at 50 U/mL. Make aliquots of 0.5 mL each. Store at -20°C.