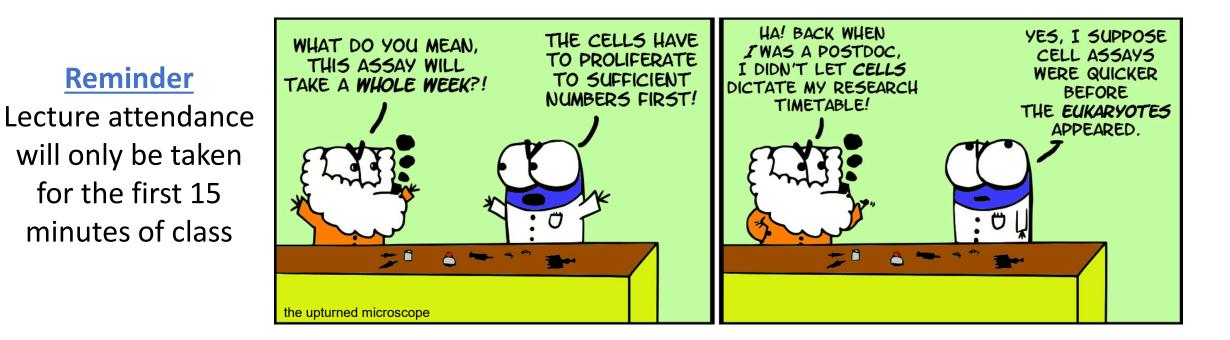


### M1D1: Learn best practices for mammalian cell culture

- 1. Orientation Quiz
- 2. Prelab discussion
- 3. Learn about cell culture in the lab



# Mod 1: Major Assignments

#### • Data summary (15%)

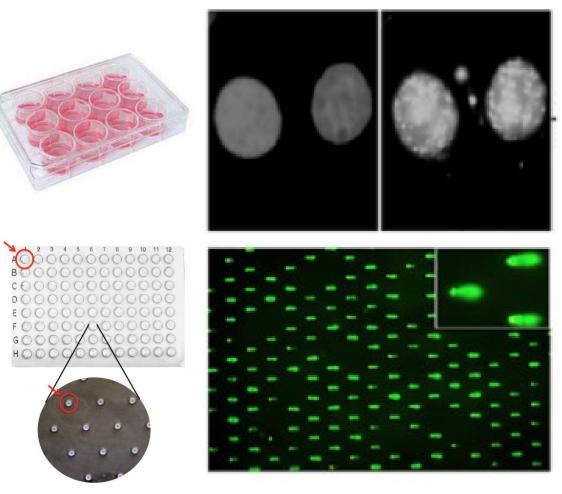
- In a team
- Draft due 10/11, final revision due 10/21
- Format: Bullet points, .PPTX
- Research Talk (5%)
  - Individual, submit video via gmail
  - Due 9/30 by 10pm
- Lab quizzes (5% collectively)
  - Individual (orientation quiz is exception)
- Notebook (5% collectively)
  - Due 10/6 at 10pm, graded by Simone
- Blog (part of 5% Participation)
  - Due 10/12 at 10pm

I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

DOUGLAS ADAMS

## Overview of Module 1: Measuring Genomic Instability

Research question: Does exposure to As inhibit, or decrease, repair of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-induced DNA damage, raising the possibility that combined exposure is an important risk to public health?



# Examine effect of $H_2O_2$ +/- As on double and single strand DNA breaks by measuring $\gamma$ H2AX foci formation

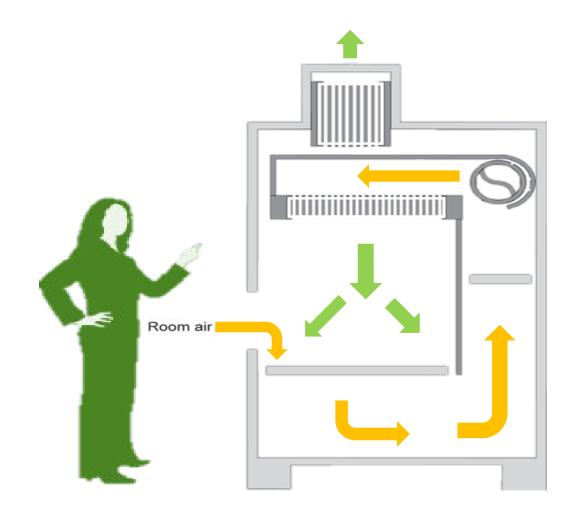
- Immunofluorescence (IF)
  - Cells attached to glass coverslips
- Cellular response to DNA damage

# Measure the effects of $H_2O_2$ +/- As on DNA damage by measuring DNA migration in agarose matrix

- CometChip assay
  - single cell gel electrophoresis in 96 well format
- Directly visualize stained DNA

# Tissue culture sterile technique

- 70% ethanol everything:
  - Wipe cabinet before and after use
  - Wipe everything that enters the cabinet
  - Do not spray cells with EtOH
- Do not disturb air flow:
  - Do not block grille or slots
  - Minimize side-to-side arm movements
  - Work > 6" away from sash
  - Leave blower on always
- Do not talk into incubator!
- · Only open sterile media in hood



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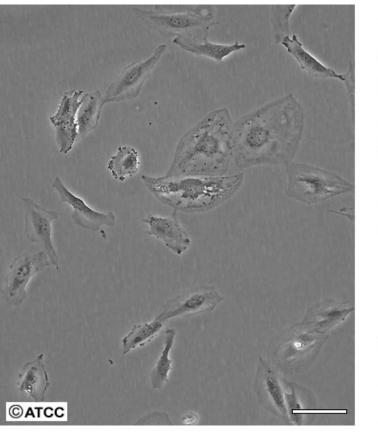
Confluence

Adherent / Non-adherent

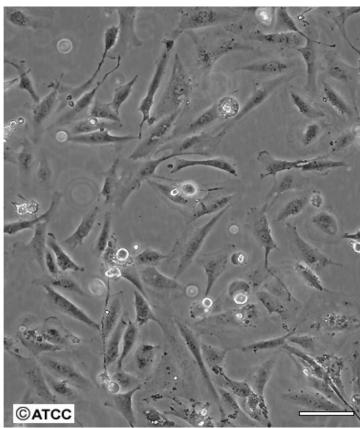
Splitting / Passaging

Seeding

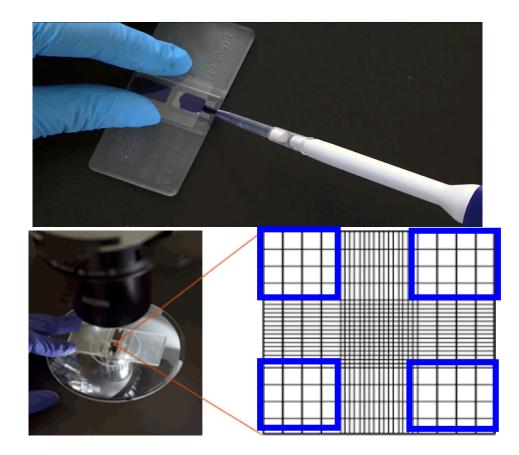
Low Density



**High Density** 



## Counting cells





#### • Hemocytometer

• Trypan blue

# cells / mL = 10,000 x
average of 4 corners

### What should go in your notebook?

Laboratory notebook entry component:	Points:		
	Complete	Partial	Missing
Date of experiment (include Module#/Day#) and Title for experiment	1	0.5	0
Hypothesis or goal / purpose	2	1	0
Protocols (link to appropriate wiki sections)	1	0.5	0
Answering questions embedded in wiki sections	5	3	0
Observations from demonstrations and video tutorials	3	2	0
*Visual details			
*Qualitative information			
*Raw data			
Data analysis	3	2	0
*Calculations			
*Graphs and Tables			
Summary and interpretation of data	3	2	0
*What did you learn?			
*How does this information fit into the larger scope of the project?			
Information is clear	2	1	0
All days represented	5	3	0
OVERALL /25			

Notebook entries for module are graded the day after the module ends.

- One entry (selected by instructors) will be graded according to this rubric
- The remaining entries will be checked for completeness.

### Daily Notebook Check = participation points

#### Before you leave each day

• Make sure Bishal has seen your Benchling notebook

- He will check to see that you have written more than just copying the template and writing a sentence or two
- 2. He will record that you are making adequate progress through the laboratory exercises
- 3. You will get participation points!

# For today:

- 1. Complete Orientation quiz with lab partner
- 2. Practice cell culture and seed cells for H2AX assay
  - Please watch video on wiki to prep for procedure. TC technique will also be demonstrated.

### For M1D2:

Answer wiki questions in homework tab to begin to outline your Background and Motivation section

 You will discuss the structure of the Background and Motivation section during the next class

#### Must visit the Comm Lab before M1D5!