

Protocol for Emulate Organ-Chips:

Live Staining of Functional Mitochondria Using TMRM

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Goals:	Key Steps:	Other Required Materials:
Visualization of functional mitochondria using tetramethylrhodamine, methyl ester (TMRM) reagent via fluorescent imaging in live Organ-Chip	 Live staining and fluorescent imaging in Organ-Chips 	 Image-iT™ TMRM Reagent (Thermo Scientific™ I34361) Cell culture media (serum-free)

1. Background

Tetramethylrhodamine, methyl ester (TMRM) is a cell-permeant dye that accumulates in healthy mitochondria with intact membrane potentials.

2. Method

Sample type	Live Organ-Chip See Protocol EP155 Live Staining of Cells.		
Recommended reagent dilution and incubation time	Dilute 1:1000 (final concentration 0.1 μM to 0.15 μM) in serum-free medium. Incubate for 30 minutes at 37°C.		
Representative image	Image-iT™ TMRM reagent staining (red) of the active mitochondria and nuclei (blue) in human hepatocytes in the Liver-Chip.		
More information on vendor site	https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/N1142		

3. Organs-Chips in which the staining has been validated

Image-iT™ TMRM reagent has been validated in both Liver-Chips and Caco-2 Intestine-Chips.





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