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# Is Micromachined Topography of Polydimethyl-Siloxane Surface Effective for Observation of Biological Cell Behavior?

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## **Graphical Abstract**



1. Micro groove on wall of flow channel.



2. Cell on checkered convexo-concave pattern.



3. Micro back markers on thin film.



4. Myotubes on film.

## Abstract

Polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) is the typical base material for micromachining by photolithography. Biological cells adsorb on the scaffold, and show activities: migration, deformation, proliferation, and differentiation. The micro topography (close to the cell size) on the surface of the scaffold is effective for several applications: the marker to trace each cell, and the tool to control the activity of each cell. C2C12 (mouse myoblast) is used in the present study. The typical diameter of the cell is 20  $\mu$ m, when it is suspended in the medium. The cell aligns along the micro step of the height (> 0.7  $\mu$ m). The micro-striped groove can control the cell migration direction in the flow channel. The aspect ratio of the checkered convexo-concave pattern can control the orientation of cells. When cells are cultured on the thin film (thickness 6  $\mu$ m) of PDMS with micro markers at the counter surface, local contraction movement of myotubes by electrical-pulse stimulation can be microscopically measured through the transparent scaffold. Deformability of each cell can be detected by the flow through the micro slit of PDMS.

Keywords: Surface topography; photolithography; polydimethylsiloxane; orientation.



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