

## CARBOHYDRATE-BASED CELL ADHESION: ANALYSIS OF SPHEROID FORMATION

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**Resumo:** Carbohydrates are vast constituents of cell surfaces and in many systems where cell adhesion plays a critical role, carbohydrate binding proteins have been shown to bind to cell surface carbohydrates and participate in cell-cell interactions. Jurkat cells are suspension cells that grow in clumps and have 20.7 ( $\pm 2.2$ ) hours of population doubling time (PDT). In this experiment, Jurkat cells are studied to compare the effects of wheat germ agglutinin (WGA) lectin, and *Maackia amurensis* (MAA) lectin, for clumping and spheroid formation studies, as well as carbohydrate analog solutions in ethanol ( $C_2H_6O$ )  $Ac_4ManNAc$ , and  $Ac_5ManNTGc$  for concentration effect studies.

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