

# Technical meeting

Introduction of Seahorse® technology for studying the metabolism



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# SeaHorse<sup>®</sup> device

Seahorse device is equipped with fluorescent probes allowing the measurement of:

- Oxygen consumption rate (OCR) 532/650 nm
- Extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) 470/530 nm

A large variety of kits:

- Mito Stress Test: mitochondrial respiration
- Glycolysis Stress Test: glycolysis
- XF Real-Time ATP Rate
- XF palmitate-BSA FAO Substrate
- XF Cell Energy Phenotype

Possibility to modulate temperature and measurement times



**Agilent Seahorse XFp Analyzer**



**Agilent Seahorse XFe96 Analyzer**



**Agilent Seahorse XFe24 Analyzer**

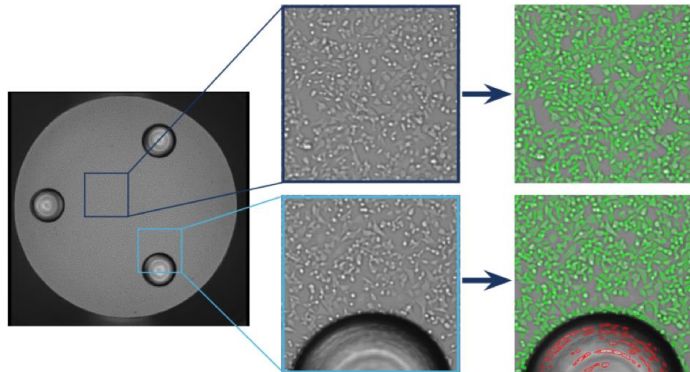
# SeaHorse<sup>®</sup> device

In our laboratory, we have the Seahorse XFe24 analyzer

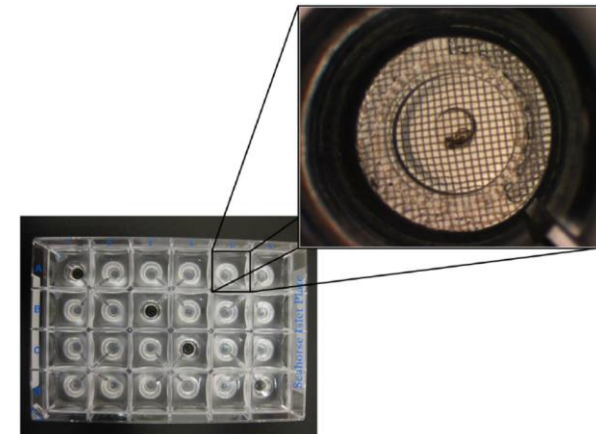
Sensitivity from 10,000 cells per well

This measurement can be done on different types of sample:

- Cell lines
  - Tissues
  - Sphéroïde
  - Zebrafish
- } Islet plate

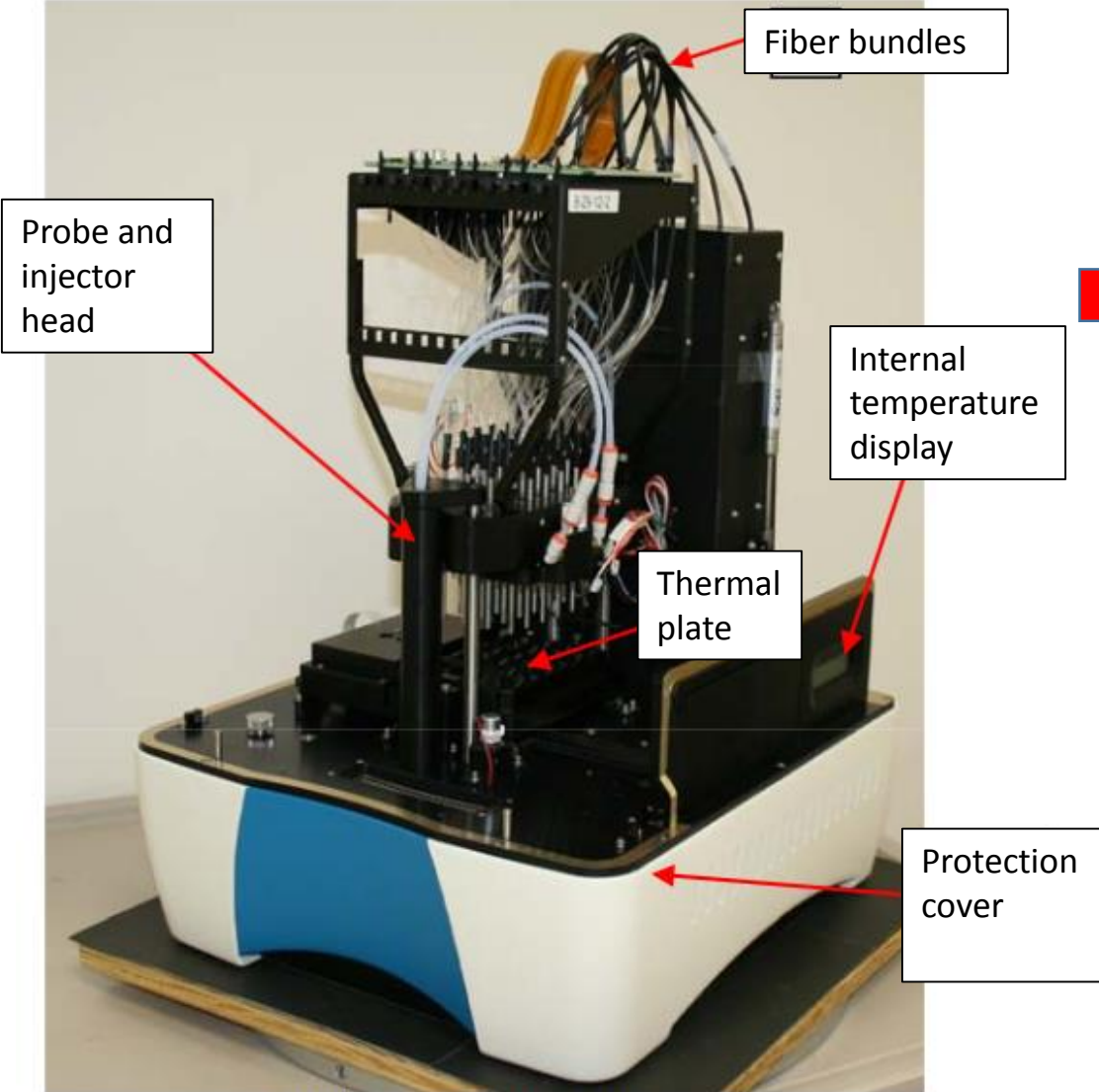


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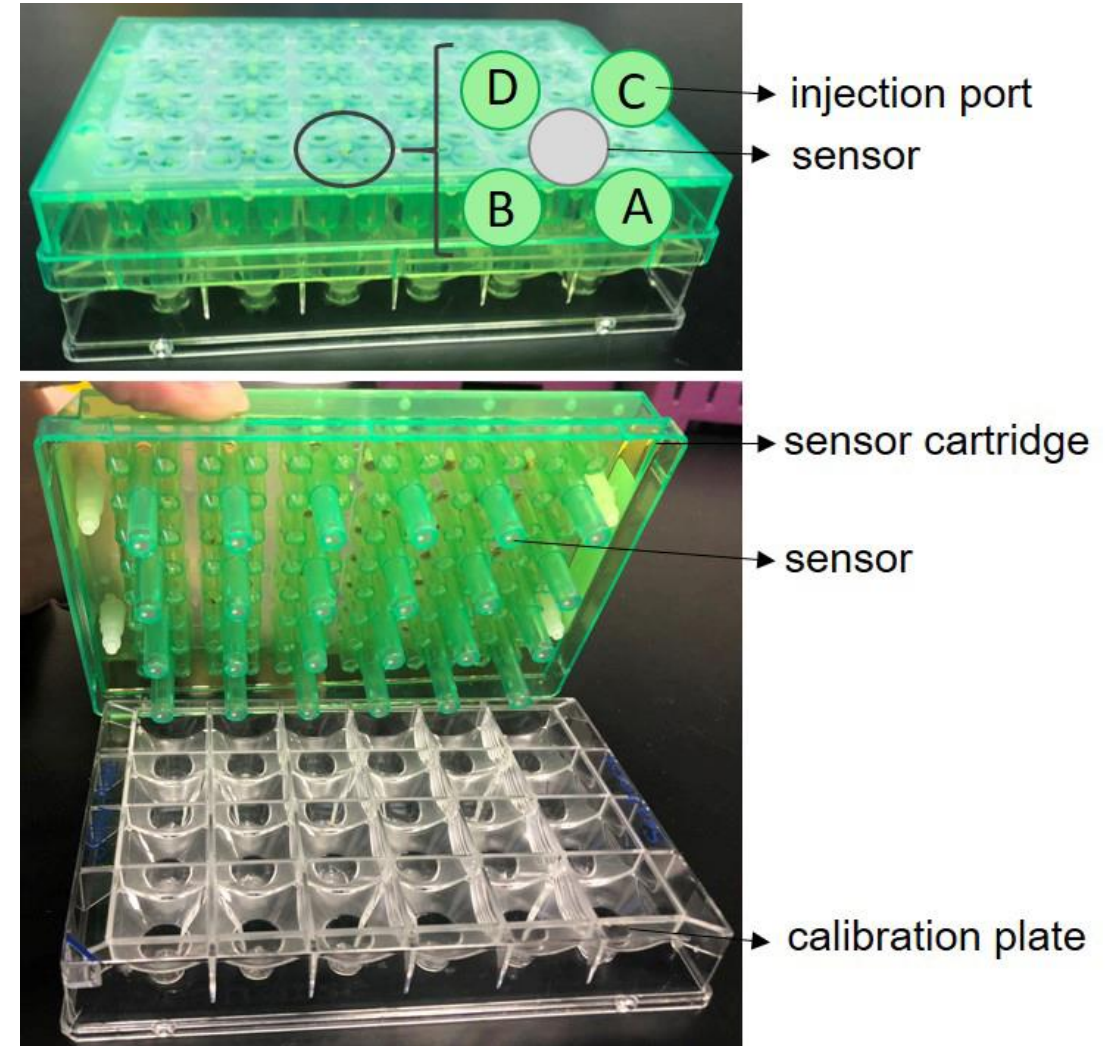


Islet plate

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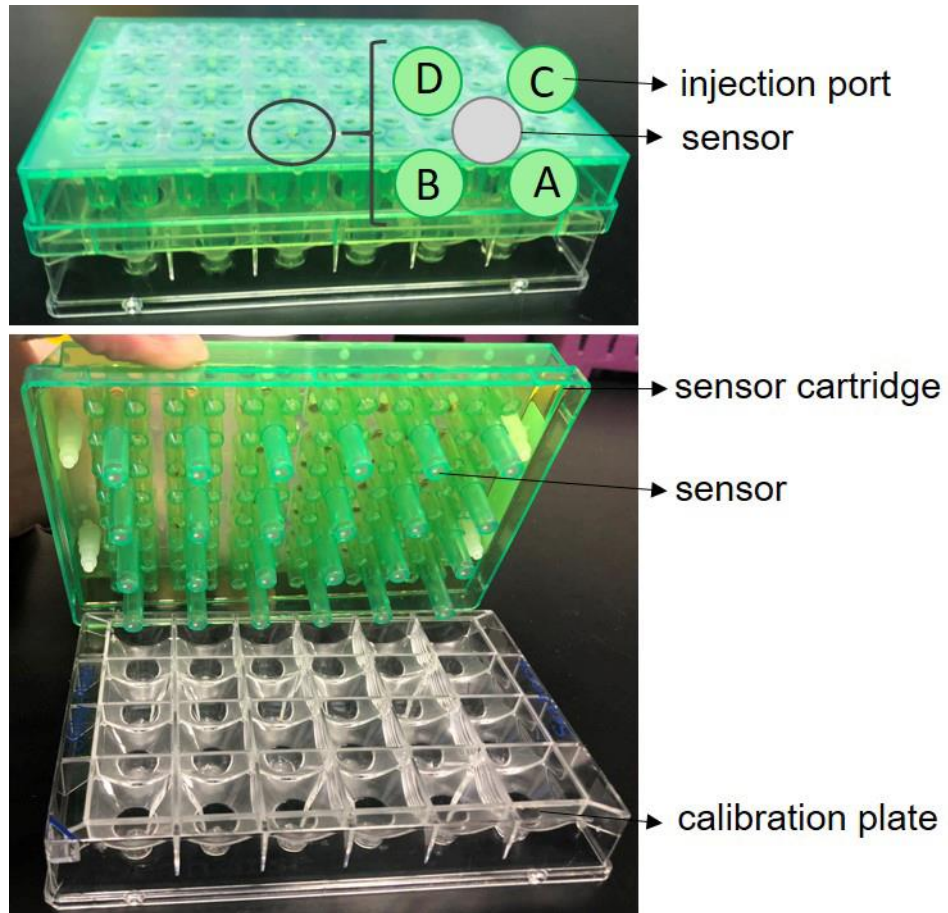


XF<sup>e</sup> Front/Side View

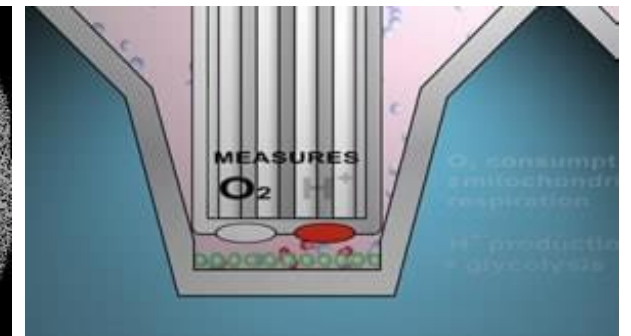
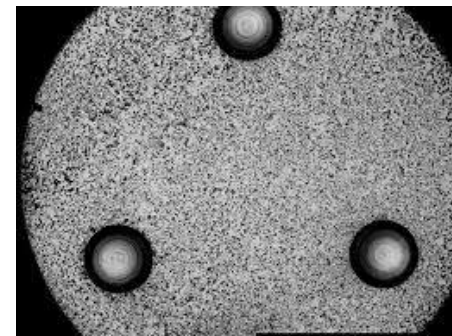
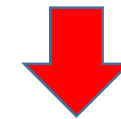
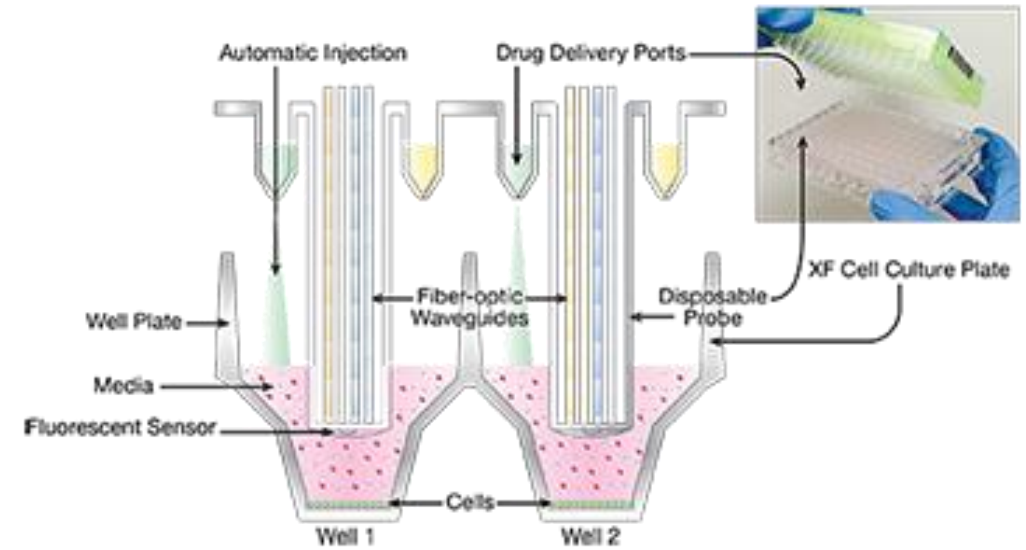




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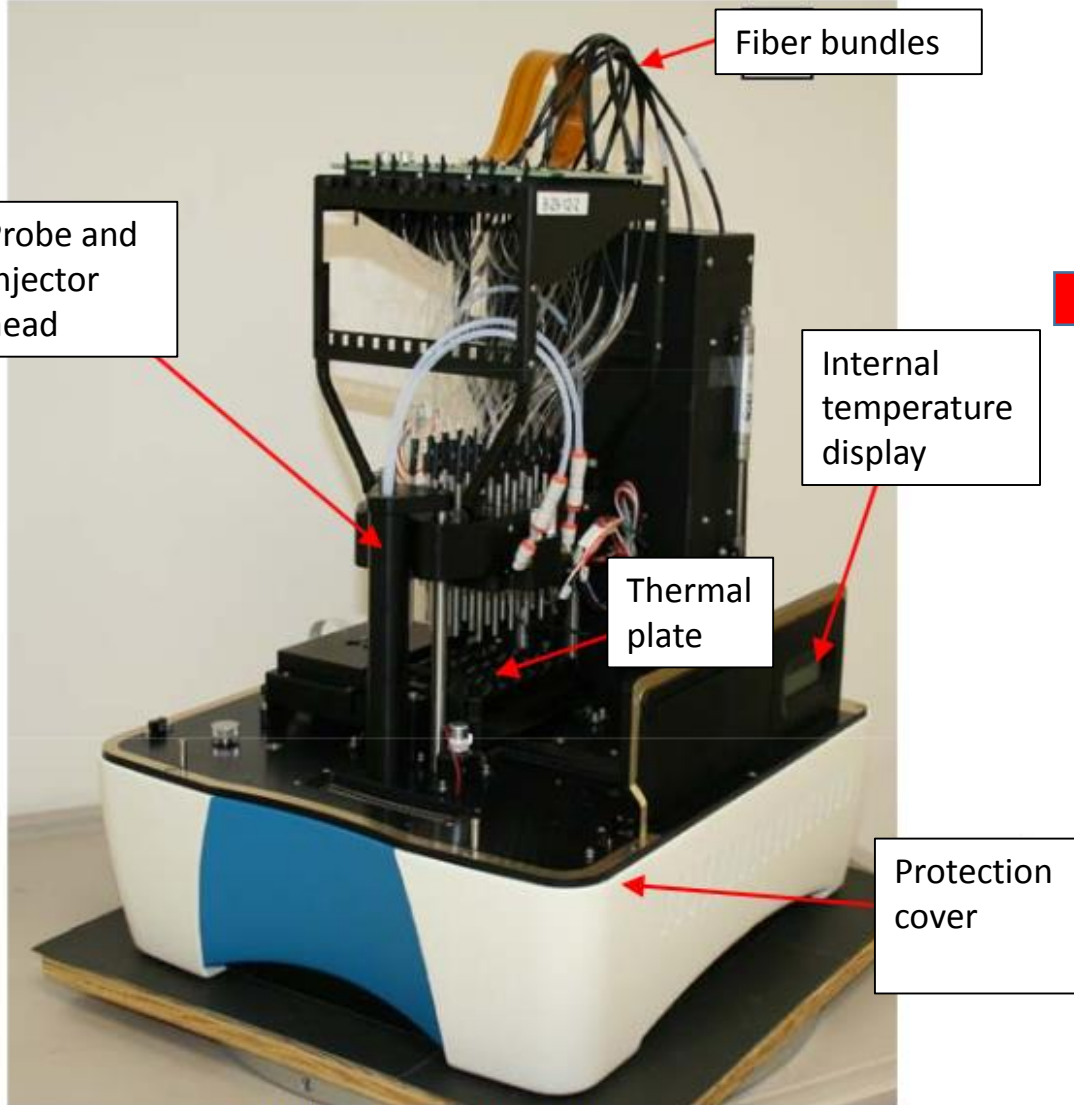


## How the XF Instrument Works



Measurement of O<sub>2</sub> and mpH variations  
in a small volume (7 $\mu$ L)

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XF<sup>e</sup> Front/Side View

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# Create a protocol

HOME

HepaRG HepG2 Mito Stress T... X

Yoann Mito Stress Test hepat... X

Save

Save As

Group Definitions

**Plate Map**

Protocol

Run Assay

File

Assay Navigation

## Groups

Add Group

Collapse / Expand All

Down

Up

Background

Group 1

Group 2

## Plate Map

Clear Plate

Distribute Groups

|   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Select a group from the left, then click or drag with the mouse to apply that group to the plate map.



# Create a protocol

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Protocol

Total Time:  
01:24:00

Measure

Injection

Custom

Remove

Move Left

Move Right

Initialization

Calibrate ☒

The XF always performs calibration to make sure measurements are accurate.

Equilibrate ☒

Equilibration occurs after Calibration and is recommended (which is why it's checked).

Baseline

×

Duration: 00:18:00

3 Measurement Cycles

Edit Measurement Details

| Cycles | Mix   | Wait  | Measure |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲       |
| 3      | 02:00 | 02:00 | 02:00   |
| ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼       |

Group Summary

Port A

Olygomycine

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Duration: 00:18:00

3 Measurement Cycles

Select Ports

Measure After Injection ☒

Edit Measurement Details

| Cycles | Mix   | Wait  | Measure |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
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| ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼       |

Group Summary

Port B

FCCP

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Duration: 00:18:00

3 Measurement Cycles

Select Ports

Measure After Injection ☒

Edit Measurement Details

| Cycles | Mix   | Wait  | Measure |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲       |
| 3      | 02:00 | 02:00 | 02:00   |
| ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼       |

Group Summary

Port B

Rotenone - Antimycine A

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Duration: 00:18:00

3 Measurement Cycles

Select Ports

Measure After Injection ☒

Edit Measurement Details

| Cycles | Mix   | Wait  | Measure |
|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲       |
| 3      | 02:00 | 02:00 | 02:00   |
| ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼       |

Group Summary

Port C

# Create a protocol


HOME


HepaRG HepG2 Mito Stress T...


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Yoann Mito Stress Test hepat...


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Save

Save As

Group Definitions

Plate Map

Protocol

Run Assay

FileAssay Navigation

Summary

Protocol

Group

Port A

Port B

Port C

Port D

## Assay Summary

Print Summary

Project Information

Project Name

Mito Stress test

Principal Investigator

Yoann

Project Number

1

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Plate Information

Well Volume (μl)

500

Plated By

Yoann

Plated On

26/02/2018



Notes

Warning

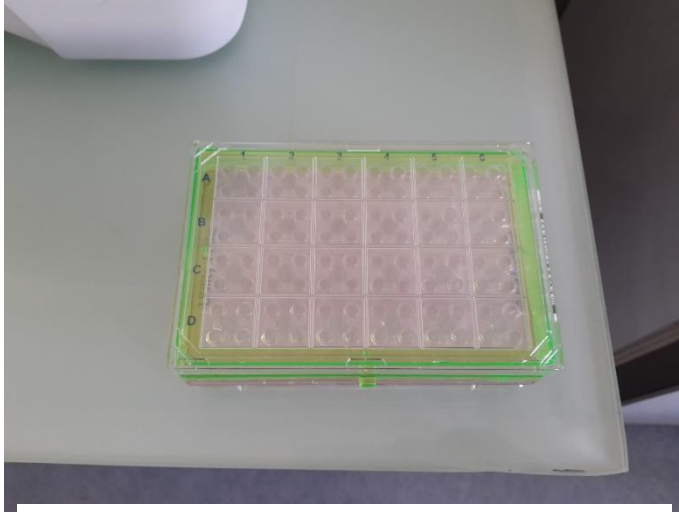
We cannot run this experiment

At least one well must be assigned to a group

Alert

Some wells are not assigned to a group

## Before experiment (Day before)



Hydrate cartridge sensors with XF calibration and place the plate at 37 ° C without CO2 overnight



Prepare the media for the day of the experiment. To do this prepare XF DMEM medium with:

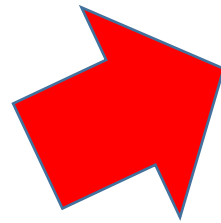
- Glutamine, pyruvate and glucose (Mito Stress Test)
- Glutamine alone (Glycolysis Stress Test)

The pH of the medium must then be adjusted to 7.4

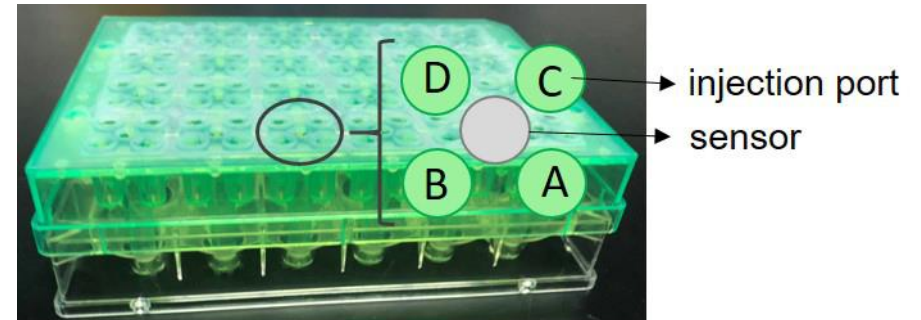
# Before launch Seahorse device



Aspirate the supernatant from the wells and wash with the medium appropriate for the experiment. Then put the plate in the 37 ° C CO<sub>2</sub>-free incubator for 45 min to 1 hour

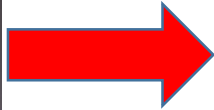


Reconstitute the different molecules with the appropriate medium and load them into the cartridge which was in the incubator at 37 ° C overnight

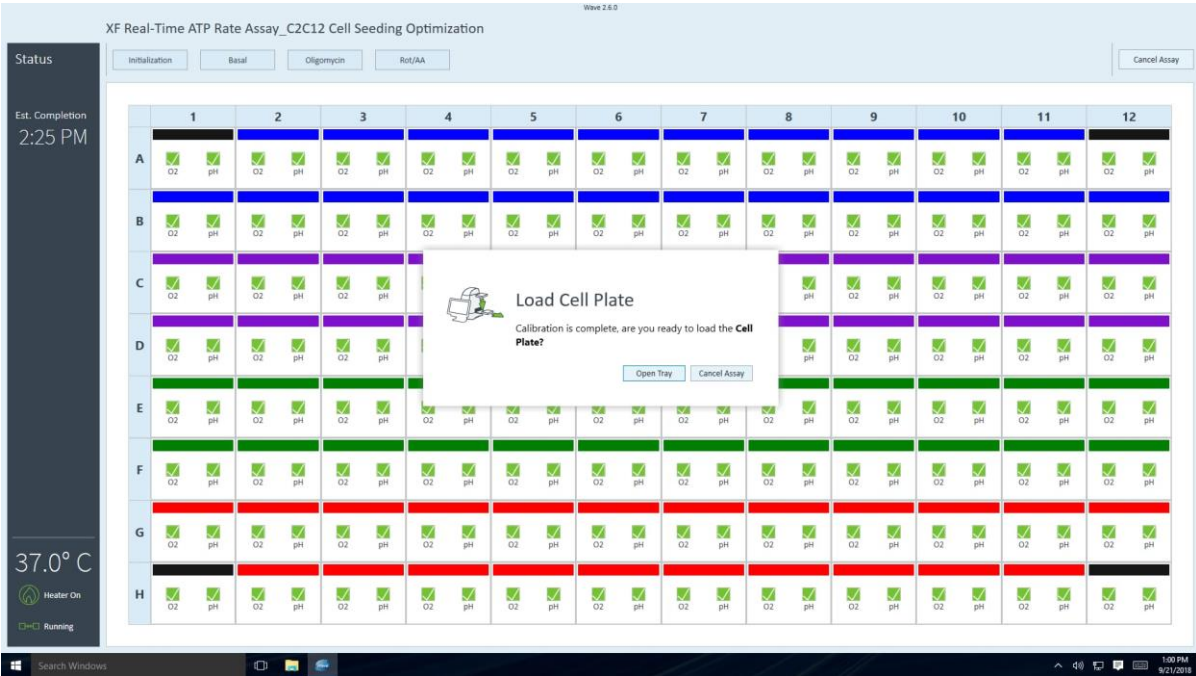




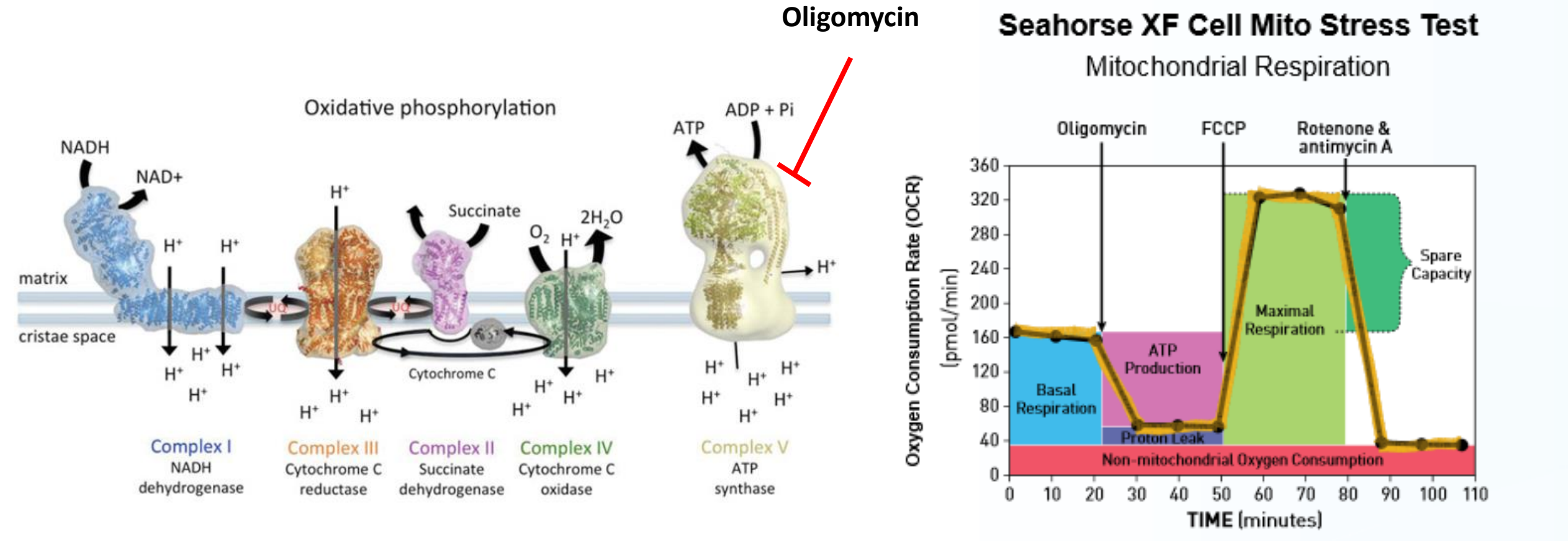
# Calibration



Remove the cover and the pink plate from the cartridge and put it in the device for pH and O<sub>2</sub> calibration

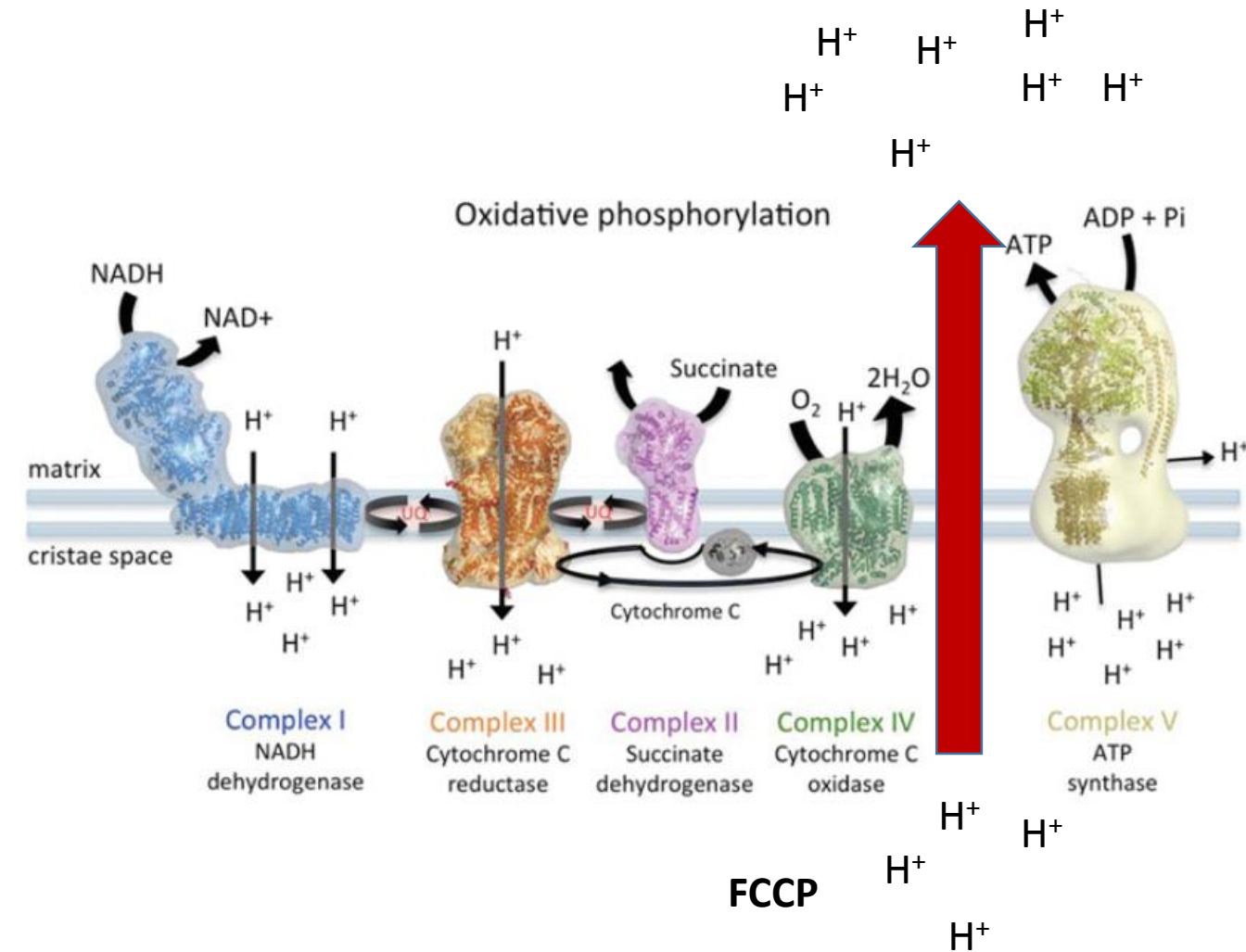


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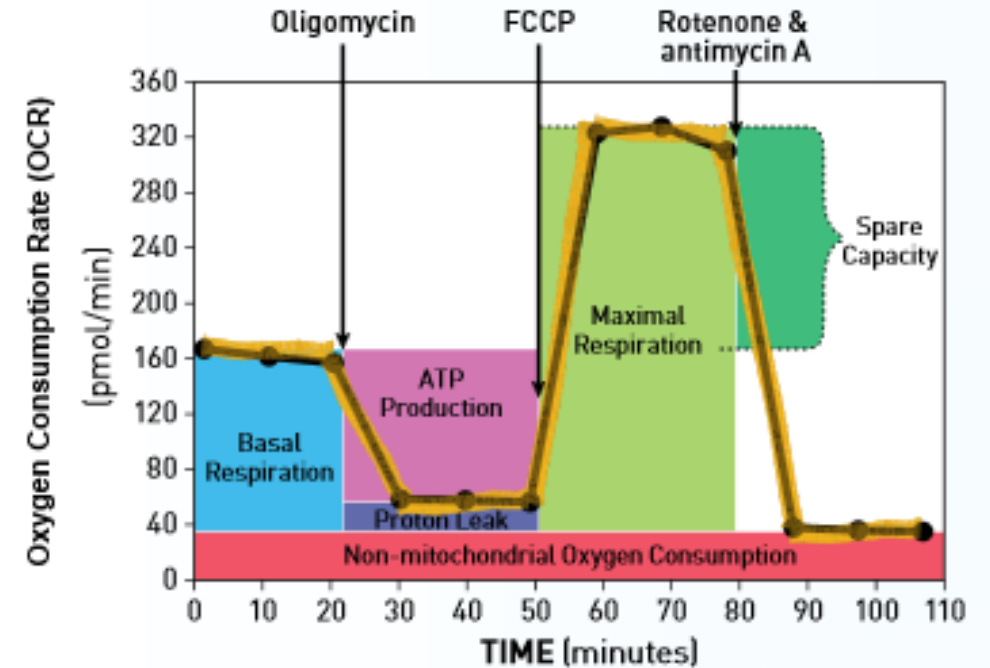


Oligomycin inhibits ATP synthase complex

# During the run : Mito Stress Test



## Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Mitochondrial Respiration



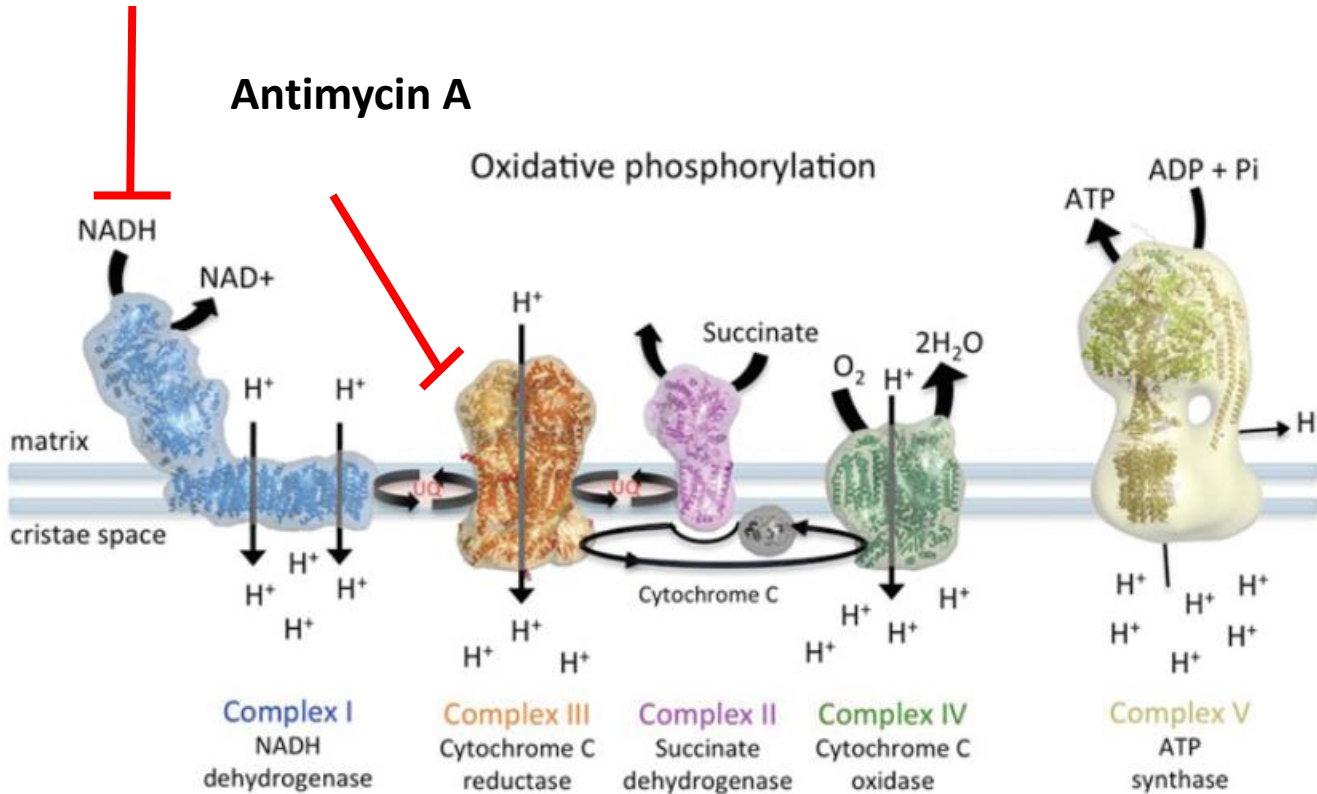
The FCCP will cause a massive entry of protons. The complexes will operate at their maximum capacity

# During the run : Mito Stress Test

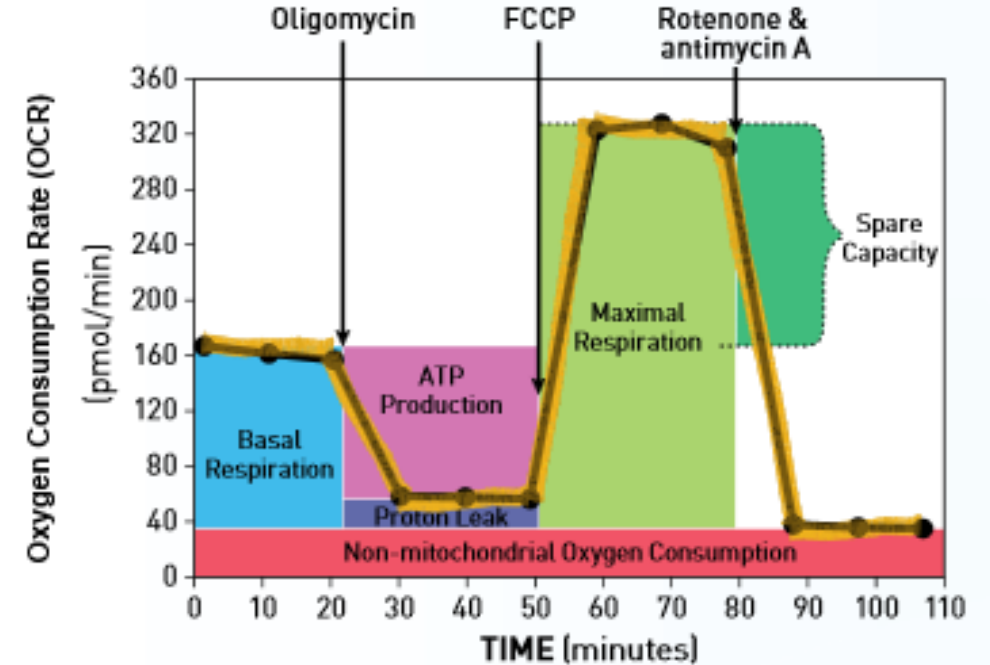
Rotenone

Antimycin A

Oxidative phosphorylation



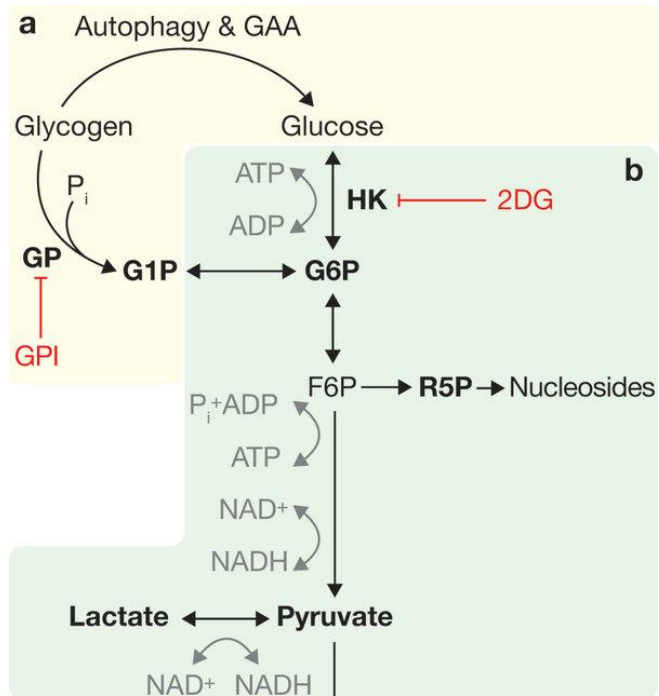
## Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Mitochondrial Respiration



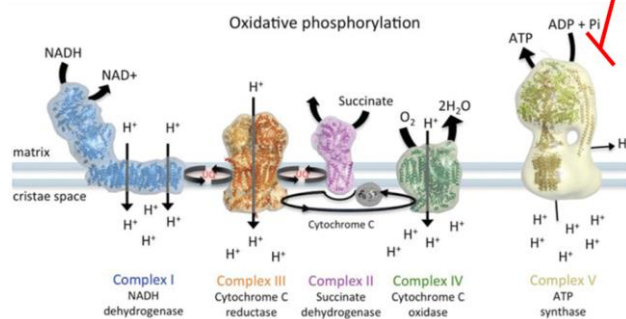
Antimycin A and rotenone inhibit complexes I and III of the respiratory chain causing abrupt arrest of mitochondrial respiration = allows to subtract non-mitochondrial oxygen consumption from all other parameters



# Other example of kit : Glycolysis Stress Test

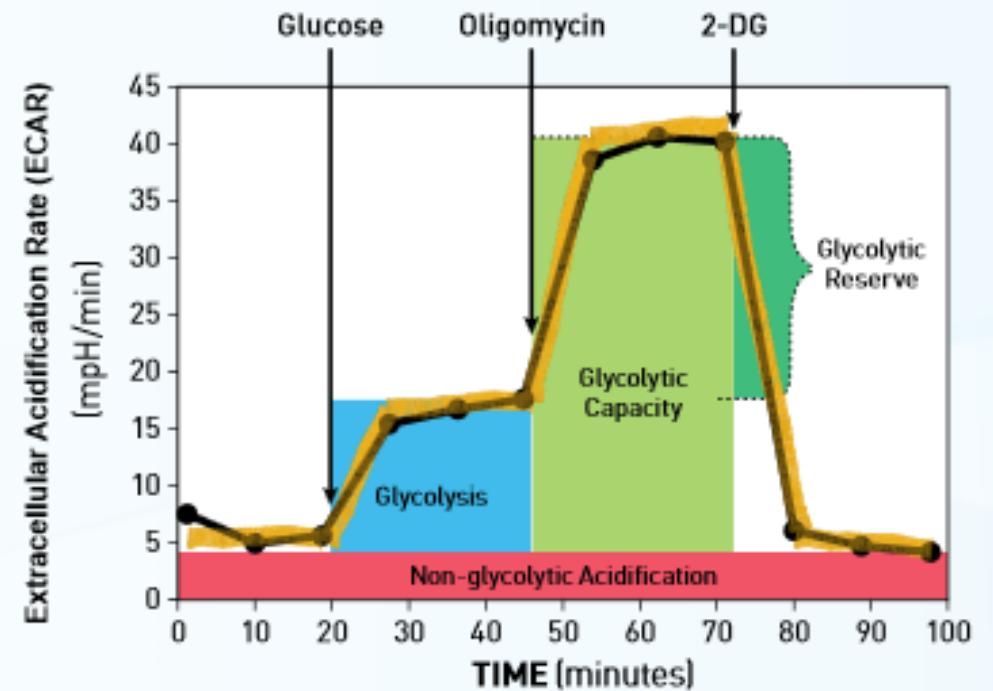


Oligomycin

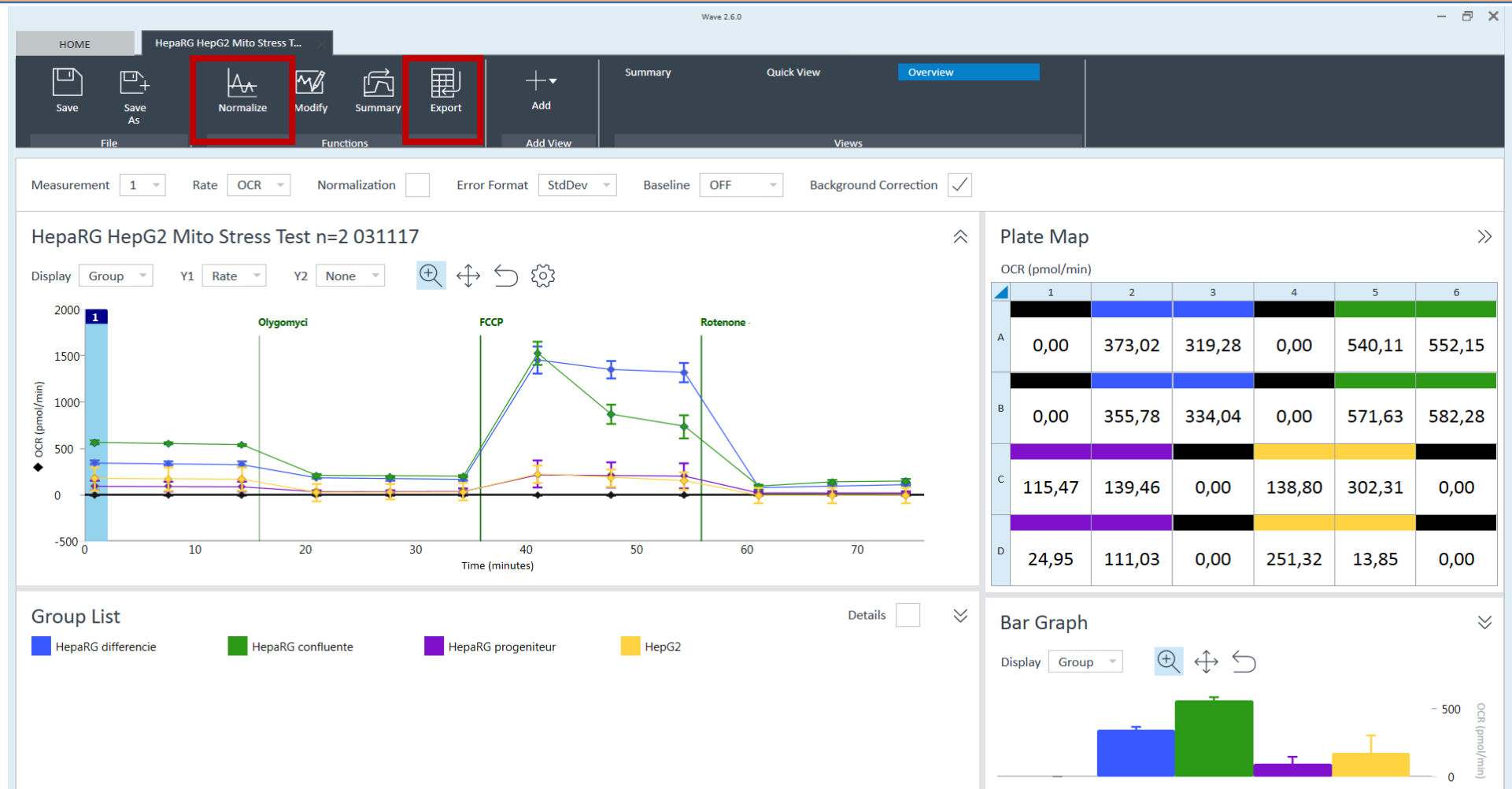


## Seahorse XF Glycolysis Stress Test

Glycolytic Function

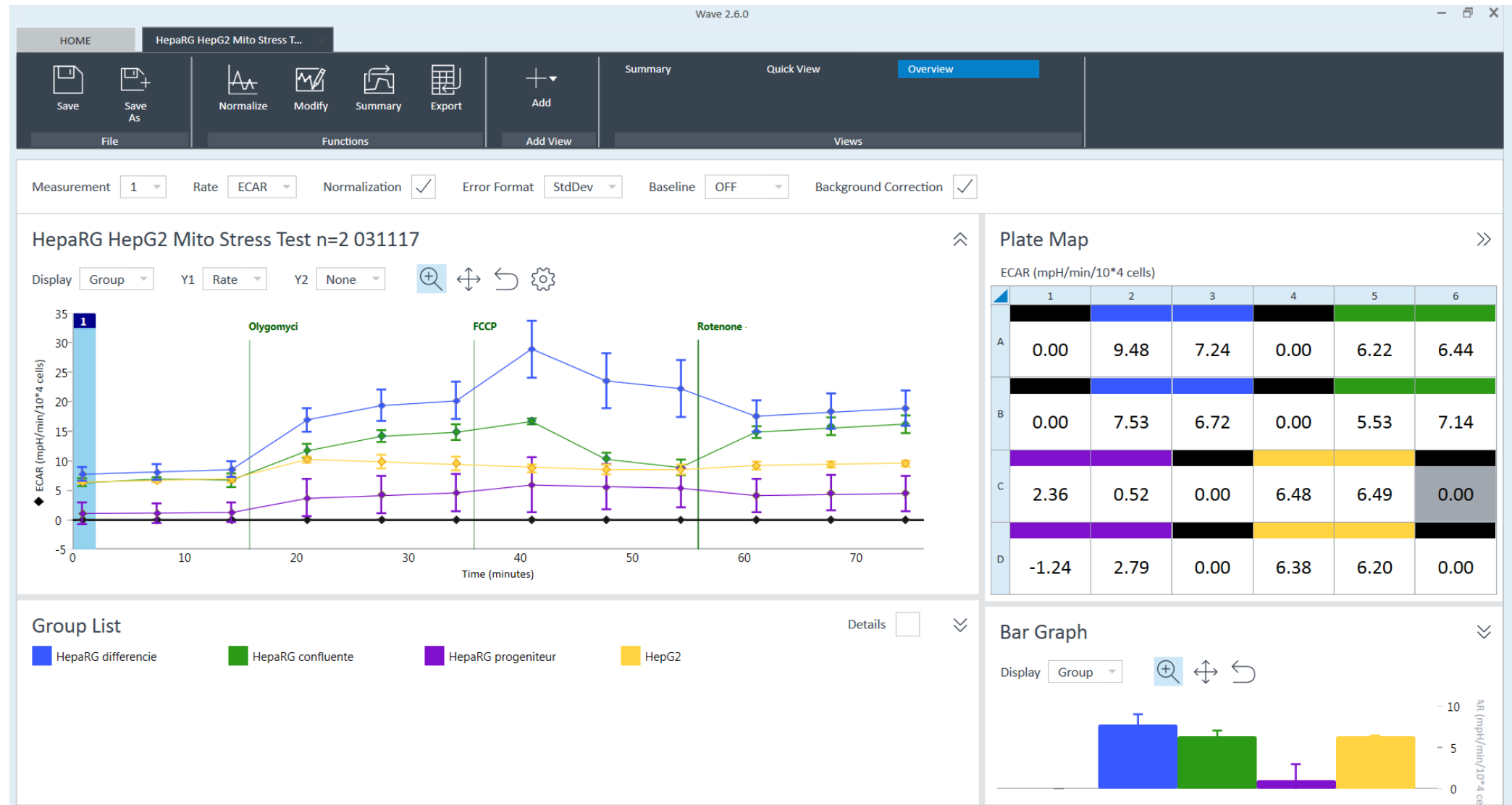


# Seahorse® Result with Wave software



The interface with respiration profiles. We can normalize dataset (protein, cell number...) and export them in an Excel

# Seahorse® Result



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**exemple.xlsx - Excel**

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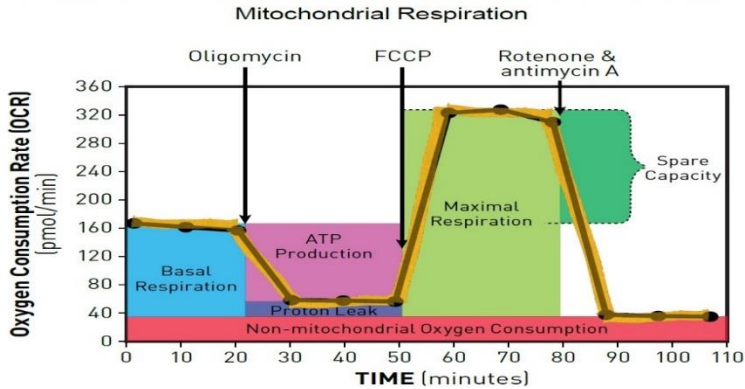
A1 X ✓ fx Assay

|    | A                     | B              | C  | D       | E       | F       | G       | H       | I       | J       | K       | L       | M       | N       | O        | P       | Q       | R       |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1  | Assay                 |                | HepaRG HepG2 Mito Stress Test n=2 031117 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 2  | Run Date              |                | 03/11/2017 16:39                         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 3  | Instrument ID         |                | 420290                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 4  | Background Correction |                | On                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 5  | Normalization         |                | On                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 6  |                       |                |  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 7  | Y1 Data:              | ECAR (mPH/min) |  |         |         | Source: | Well    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 8  |                       |                |  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| 9  | Time (min)            | A01            | A02                                      | A03     | A04     | A05     | A06     | B01     | B02     | B03     | B04     | B05     | B06     | C01     | C02      | C03     | C04     | C05     |
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| 11 | 1.14920               | 0.00000        | 9.30085                                  | 7.71558 | 0.00000 | 6.72530 | 6.89625 | 0.00000 | 6.00328 | 8.75187 | 0.00000 | 5.30423 | 8.02361 | 2.88921 | -1.45440 | 0.00000 | 6.84316 | 7.29997 |
| 12 | 1.37826               | 0.00000        | 9.68713                                  | 7.36726 | 0.00000 | 6.14220 | 6.10888 | 0.00000 | 6.90810 | 7.18210 | 0.00000 | 5.75788 | 7.29225 | 1.94341 | 2.10225  | 0.00000 | 6.72803 | 6.62166 |
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| 18 | 8.03635               | 0.00000        | 9.57822                                  | 7.94595 | 0.00000 | 6.81593 | 7.17347 | 0.00000 | 7.38642 | 6.58859 | 0.00000 | 6.22311 | 7.20963 | 1.91607 | 1.57564  | 0.00000 | 7.13293 | 6.74742 |
| 19 | 8.26359               | 0.00000        | 9.91783                                  | 7.34958 | 0.00000 | 6.48342 | 7.23620 | 0.00000 | 6.84486 | 6.01321 | 0.00000 | 6.70482 | 6.82948 | 2.00842 | 0.15775  | 0.00000 | 6.36518 | 6.51895 |
| 20 | 8.49785               | 0.00000        | 8.86867                                  | 6.19629 | 0.00000 | 6.16715 | 6.54141 | 0.00000 | 6.60261 | 7.04608 | 0.00000 | 6.01321 | 6.87709 | 2.03600 | 0.97399  | 0.00000 | 6.33109 | 5.90737 |



# Seahorse® Result

## Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Profile



| Parameter                            | Value | Equation  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Non-mitochondrial Oxygen Consumption |       | Minimum rate measurement after Rotenone/antimycin A injection   |
| Basal Respiration                    |       | (Last rate measurement before first injection) – (Non-Mitochondrial Respiration Rate)                       |
| Maximal Respiration                  |       | (Maximum rate measurement after FCCP injection) – (Non-Mitochondrial Respiration)                           |
| H+ (Proton) Leak                     |       | (Minimum rate measurement after Oligomycin injection) – (Non-Mitochondrial Respiration)                     |
| ATP Production                       |       | (Last rate measurement before Oligomycin injection) – (Minimum rate measurement after Oligomycin injection) |
| Spare Respiratory Capacity           |       | (Maximal Respiration) – (Basal Respiration)   |
| Spare Respiratory Capacity as a %    |       | (Maximal Respiration) / (Basal Respiration) × 100   |
| Acute Response                       |       | (Last rate measurement before oligomycin Injection) – (Last rate measurement before acute injection)        |
| Coupling Efficiency                  |       | ATP Production Rate / (Basal Respiration Rate) × 100  |

| Experimental Group #1    |             |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
|                          | Measurement | Assay Well - A1<br>OCR (pmol/min) | Assay Well - A2<br>OCR (pmol/min) | Assay Well - A3<br>OCR (pmol/min) | Assay Well - A4<br>OCR (pmol/min) | Average OCR |
| Baseline OCR             | 1           | 170.02                            | 172.80                            | 169.96                            | 175.99                            | 172.19      |
|                          | 2           | 165.36                            | 163.62                            | 167.00                            | 166.42                            | 165.60      |
|                          | 3           | 160.50                            | 158.25                            | 159.44                            | 161.75                            | 159.98      |
| Injection 1 - Oligomycin | 4           | 65.44                             | 53.05                             | 61.53                             | 59.22                             | 59.81       |
|                          | 5           | 61.80                             | 49.44                             | 59.62                             | 56.94                             | 56.95       |
|                          | 6           | 61.93                             | 49.55                             | 59.06                             | 56.04                             | 56.65       |
| Injection 2 - FCCP       | 7           | 319.58                            | 310.94                            | 312.59                            | 315.98                            | 314.77      |
|                          | 8           | 327.95                            | 320.32                            | 325.77                            | 330.73                            | 326.19      |
|                          | 9           | 297.17                            | 292.30                            | 301.35                            | 299.68                            | 297.63      |
| Injection 3 - Rot/AA     | 10          | 51.77                             | 34.62                             | 44.99                             | 39.45                             | 42.71       |
|                          | 11          | 49.28                             | 33.24                             | 44.13                             | 39.05                             | 41.42       |
|                          | 12          | 47.03                             | 31.80                             | 42.66                             | 39.20                             | 40.17       |

<< Last rate measurement before 1st injection

<< Minimum rate measurement after Oligo injection

<< Maximum rate measurement after FCCP Injection

<< Minimum after Rot/AA Injection (Non-Mitochondrial Oxygen Consumption)

| Individual OCR Values for Assay Wells |             |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                       | Measurement | A1     | A2     | A3     | A4     |
| Baseline OCR                          | 3           | 160.50 | 158.25 | 169.44 | 161.75 |
| Injection 1 - Oligomycin              | 6           | 61.93  | 49.55  | 59.06  | 56.04  |
| Injection 2 - FCCP                    | 8           | 327.95 | 320.32 | 325.77 | 330.73 |
| Injection 3 - Rot/AA                  | 12          | 47.03  | 31.80  | 42.66  | 39.20  |

| Parameter Calculations (per well)    | Assay Wells |        |        |        | Displayed Values |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-------|
|                                      | A1          | A2     | A3     | A4     | Average          | StDev |
| Non-Mitochondrial Oxygen Consumption | 47.03       | 31.80  | 42.66  | 39.20  | 40.17            | 6.43  |
| Basal Respiration                    | 113.47      | 126.45 | 126.78 | 122.55 | 122.31           | 6.20  |
| Maximum Respiration                  | 280.92      | 288.52 | 283.11 | 291.53 | 286.02           | 4.87  |
| H+ (Proton) Leak                     | 14.91       | 17.75  | 16.40  | 16.85  | 16.48            | 1.19  |
| ATP Production                       | 98.57       | 108.70 | 110.38 | 105.71 | 105.84           | 5.22  |
| Spare Respiratory Capacity           | 167.45      | 162.07 | 156.33 | 168.98 | 163.71           | 5.74  |

# Mito Stress Test : interpretation

Basal respiration: Basal oxygen consumption rate (OCR) is the OCR or the rate at which mitochondria function in a cell type under the conditions that you have provided in the culture


ATP production: Oligomycin sensitive or ATP-dependent OCR is the OCR required to synthesis ATP only at complex V in the mitochondria

Proton leak: This coupling of ATP synthesis and substrate oxidation is not complete, as protons can return to the matrix independently of ATP synthase. The processes by which this occurs are collectively termed “proton leak”



Spare capacity: Spare respiratory capacity or reserve capacity is the difference between maximum OCR after treating the cell with an ionophore and basal OCR, which is an estimate of the potential bioenergetic reserve the cell can call upon in times of stress


Non mitochondrial OCR: This parameter is an index of oxygen consuming processes which are not mitochondrial. In leukocytes, non-mitochondrial OCR is typically attributed to enzymes associated with inflammation, including cyclooxygenases, lipoxygenases and NADPH oxidases, and regarded as negative indicators of bioenergetic health. Non-mitochondrial OCR varies, and typically increases in the presence of stressors, including ROS and RNS and it is well established that mitochondria are a target for the deleterious effects of these reactive intermediates.


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## How Agilent Seahorse XF Analyzers Work

### How Agilent Seahorse XF Analyzers Work

Automatic measurement of energy metabolism in real time



Seahorse XF Analyzers measure oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) of live cells in a multi-well plate, interrogating key cellular functions such as mitochondrial respiration and glycolysis. XF Analyzers perform compound addition and mixing, label-free analytical detection, and automatic measurement of OCR and ECAR in real time.

OCR and ECAR rates are key indicators of mitochondrial respiration and glycolysis and these measurements provide a systems-level view of cellular metabolic function in cultured cells and ex-vivo samples. For more information on choosing the assay that is right for you, visit our [XF Instrument Selection Guide](#).

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