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LIVE IMAGING OF i^3 NEURONS (Support Protocol 5) [↗](#)

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ABSTRACT

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GUIDELINES

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Hibernate A Low Fluorescence

by BrainBits

Catalog #: [HALF](#)



SOS® neuronal supplement

Catalog #: [M09-50](#)



μ -Slide 8 Well Glass Bottom

by Ibidi

Catalog #: [80827](#)

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please see SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for hazards and safety warnings.



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