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I am currently writing my PhD Thesis with the title:

Development and Semi-Automated Analysis of an \textit{in vitro} Dissemination Model \\ for Myeloma Cells Interacting with Mesenchymal Stromal Cells

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My thesis has two chapters: Chapter 1 focuses on lab-work in biomedicine, describing new in vitro methods for describing the dissemination of multiple myeloma, and is published as "Modeling Myeloma Dissemination In Vitro with hMSC-interacting Subpopulations of INA-6 Cells and Their Aggregation/Detachment Dynamics" in cancer research communications. I will upload my paper, but also introduction and summarising discussion of my thesis

Chapter 2 is mostly finished. I am currently working on the summarising discussion, specifically the cancer biology part.

# REQUEST

Please process the information I gave you and remember it well. Prepare for what's to come, because afterwards, I will feed you raw text fragments and notes which you will then turn into coherent sections and paragraphs for the cancer biology part of my summarising discussion



## LaTeX Summary for Chapter 1 and Cancer Biology for Chapter 2

### Understanding Chapter 1: Lab Work and In Vitro Methods

In Chapter 1, you focus on novel in vitro methods to study multiple myeloma dissemination, particularly through the interaction of myeloma cells with mesenchymal stromal cells (hMSCs). The main study published, titled "*Modeling Myeloma Dissemination In Vitro with hMSC-interacting Subpopulations of INA-6 Cells and Their Aggregation/Detachment Dynamics*", explores the dynamics of myeloma cell adhesion, aggregation, and detachment in the context of hMSC interaction. This model

aims to elucidate the early stages of myeloma cell dissemination which are crucial for understanding disease progression and developing therapeutic strategies.

Key components and findings from your study include:

- **hMSC Interaction:** The INA-6 myeloma cells exhibit significant interaction with hMSCs, leading to proliferation and aggregation.
- **Detachment Dynamics:** The study identifies subpopulations of myeloma cells that exhibit different adhesive behaviors, which could contribute to the dissemination process.
- **Gene Expression and Clinical Correlation:** Gene expression analysis suggests a relationship between myeloma cell adhesion properties and patient survival outcomes.

The paper emphasizes the importance of the in vitro model in studying myeloma cell behavior and provides a foundation for further research on the molecular mechanisms driving myeloma dissemination.

## Preparing for the Summarizing Discussion in Chapter 2: Cancer Biology

As you work on the summarizing discussion for the cancer biology part of Chapter 2, it's essential to integrate the core findings of your research with broader concepts in cancer biology. Here are some notes and draft sections based on the information provided:

### Summarizing Discussion: Cancer Biology in Myeloma Dissemination

#### Introduction to Myeloma Dissemination

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Multiple myeloma (MM) is characterized by the clonal expansion of malignant plasma cells within the bone marrow (BM), a process that involves complex interactions with the BM microenvironment. Dissemination, or the spread of myeloma cells to various bone sites and potentially other tissues, remains a pivotal step in disease progression and is poorly understood. Understanding the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying this dissemination is crucial for developing targeted therapies aimed at inhibiting metastasis and improving patient outcomes.
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#### Role of the Bone Marrow Microenvironment

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\subsection{Bone Marrow Microenvironment}
The BM microenvironment plays a crucial role in myeloma cell survival and dissemination. Mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) are key components of this niche, providing both structural support and a source of soluble factors that regulate myeloma cell behavior. Myeloma cells adhere to the extracellular matrix (ECM) and MSCs through interactions mediated by adhesion molecules such as integrins and cadherins. This interaction is a double-edged sword: it provides survival signals to myeloma cells but also imposes a barrier to dissemination.

Recent studies, including our own, suggest that myeloma cell dissemination involves a transition from a BM-retentive state to a more migratory phenotype. This transition may be driven by changes in the expression of adhesion molecules and ECM components, as well as by the ability of myeloma cells to detach from the BM niche and survive independently.
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## Mechanisms of Myeloma Cell Detachment and Dissemination

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\subsection{Mechanisms of Detachment and Dissemination}
Dissemination of myeloma cells from the BM involves several key steps:
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\item \textbf{Loss of Adhesion Molecules:} The downregulation of adhesion molecules
such as CD138 is associated with increased myeloma cell mobility and dissemination
potential.
\item \textbf{Cell Cycle and Division:} Our study highlights the role of cell division
in detachment, where daughter cells generated during mitosis can detach and migrate from
the BM.
\item \textbf{Interaction with MSCs:} The balance between homotypic (myeloma-myeloma)
and heterotypic (myeloma-MSC) interactions dictates whether myeloma cells remain anchored
or gain the ability to disseminate.
\item \textbf{Gene Expression Changes:} Differential gene expression analysis in our
study identified genes involved in adhesion, proliferation, and ECM remodeling that are
crucial for understanding the detachment process.
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## Clinical Relevance and Potential Therapeutic Targets

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Understanding the mechanisms of myeloma dissemination has significant clinical
implications. The identification of genes associated with adhesion and dissemination
provides potential biomarkers for disease progression and targets for therapeutic
intervention. For instance, targeting adhesion molecules that facilitate myeloma cell
retention in the BM could prevent dissemination and metastasis.

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cells but also modulate their interaction with the BM microenvironment. Future research
should focus on exploring the therapeutic potential of disrupting myeloma-MSC interactions
and enhancing the retention of myeloma cells within the BM to limit disease spread.
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## Conclusion

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cell behavior. By elucidating the processes of adhesion, detachment, and dissemination, we
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and improve patient outcomes.
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This structured approach will help you integrate key findings from your research into the broader context of cancer biology, focusing on the mechanisms underlying myeloma dissemination and their clinical implications. Once you provide the raw text fragments and notes, we can further refine these sections and ensure they are cohesive and aligned with your thesis objectives.



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(\emph{`Wash'}) and repeated Accutase treatment followed by magnetic activated cell sorting (\emph{`MACS'}). .

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\unsubsection{Dynamic Regulation of Adhesion Factors During Dissemination}%  
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One main question arises:

INA-6 was initially isolated from plasma cell leukemia as an extramedullary plasmacytoma located in the pleura from a donor of age.  
There is not much more information available on the background of that patient \cite{TwoNewInterleukin6,burgerGp130RasMediated2001}.  
But assuming that  
This is a highly advanced  
stage of myeloma. However, Chapter 2 shows that adhesion factors are lost during MM progression. INA-6 are highly adhesive to hMSCs.

This is a contradiction that needs to be resolved.

For example,  
circulating MM cells show lower levels of integrin  $\alpha4\beta1$  compared to those residing in the BM. Furthermore, treatment with a syndecan-1 blocking antibody  
has been shown to rapidly induce the mobilization of MM cells from the BM to peripheral blood in mouse models, suggesting that alterations in adhesion molecule expression facilitate MM cell release  
\cite{zeissigTumourDisseminationMultiple2020}.

However, INA-6 do not express adhesion factors. They do that only in hMSC presence  
Hence MAINA-6 could be a smaller fraction of MM cells, specialized on preparing a new niche for the rest of the MM cells. This could be a reason why they are so adhesive.

This assumption dictates that aggressive myeloma cells gain the ability to dynamically express adhesion factors.  
It could be that INA-6 has gained the capability to express adhesion factors fast in order to colonize new niches, such as pleura from which they were isolated.

This shows that not just the stage of the disease, but also the location of the myeloma cells plays a role when considering adhesion factors. According to this, this thesis predicts a low expression of adhesion factors in circulating myeloma cells, but a high expression in adhesive cells, e.g. non-circulating, or rather those

indeed CD138 paper isolated cells from circulating MM cells  
\cite{akhmetzyanovaDynamicCD138Surface2020}

indeed, temporal subclones have been identified \cite{keatsClonalCompetitionAlternating2012}.

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 \unsubsection{Subsets of Adhesion Factors Contribute To Different Steps of Adhesion}%  
 \label{sec:discussion\_subsets\_adhesion\_factors}%

- adhesion molecules during vascular involvement have these adhesion molecules: JAM-C and CD138.

- NONE of Them were shown in Chapter 2 of this study, (except for JAM-B)

- One has to consider that intravasation and/or extravasation would require a different set of adhesion factors than adhesion to BM or extramedullary environments.

This has great implications for targeting adhesion factors for therapy, as it suggests that different adhesion factors should either be antagonized or agonized depending on the function of the adhesion factor. According to this assumption, adhesion factors involved in intra- and extravasation adhesion should be antagonized, while adhesion factors involved in BM adhesion \dashedsentence{as identified in Chapter 2} should be agonized. Indeed, Adhesion factors for endothelium were shown to decrease tumour burden in mouse models  
 \cite{asosinghUniquePathwayHoming2001a,mrozikTherapeuticTargetingNcadherin2015}

\cite{bouzerdanAdhesionMoleculesMultiple2022}: "Classically, the BMM has been divided into endosteal and vascular niches"

Together, a detailed mapping of the niches available in the bone marrow is required to understand the adhesion factors required for each niche. This is a highly complex task, as the bone marrow is a highly complex organ.

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 \unsubsection{What Triggers Release: One Master Switch, Many Small Switches, or is it just Random?}%  
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Papers like \cite{akhmetzyanovaDynamicCD138Surface2020} make it seem as if there is one molecule that decides if a myeloma cell is circulating or not.

It's less about one clear (molecular) mechanism that decides that a myeloma cell decides to become a disseminating cell, but rather a indirect consequence of a combination of many processes.

These processes are:

- Loss of adhesion factors or dynamic expression of adhesion factors
- Loss of dependency from bone marrow microenvironment
- asdf

Our thesis postulates that there is no big switch that decides if a myeloma cell detaches from the bone marrow, \emph{it simply happens} once these processes are present.

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**Outlook: High-Value Research Topics for Myeloma Research Arising from this Work**

**sec:discussion\_potential\_breakthroughs**

As an Outlook, the Author lists research topics arising from this work that have great potential for breakthroughs in myeloma research.

**Anti tumor effects of MSCs:**

This thesis has discussed the pro-tumor effects of MSCs. However, MSCs have also been shown to have anti-tumor effects [\cite{galderisiMyelomaCellsCan2015}](#). This work has also shown that primary hMSC can induce apoptosis in INA6 cells initially [\dashedsentence{probably through the action of death domain receptors}](#), but inhibit apoptosis during prolonged culturing.

This shows that hMSCs could be leveraged as a therapeutic target that could prevent myeloma progression.

**Cell Division as a Mechanism for Dissemination Initiation:**

The author describes how the detachment of daughter cells from the mother cell after a cycle of hMSC-(re)attachment and proliferation could be a key mechanism in myeloma dissemination. This mechanism was shown in other studies of extravasation. The author sees great potential in this mechanism as a target for future research. It is probably under-researched due to requirement of sophisticated time-lapse equipment, yet the simplicity of detachment through cell division is intriguing through its simplicity. It implies asymmetric cell division. Cancer cells are known to divide asymmetrically, e.g. moving miRNAs to one daughter cell.

**Time as a Key Parameter:**

The area Thermodynamics of started with scientists measuring how long it takes for gases to cool down. The author claims, by measuring the time it takes for cancer cells to detach could lead to breakthroughs in research of myeloma dissemination.

- Cell adhesion is highly time-dependent.

- Cell detachment is required for metastasis and dissemination

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key mechanistic insights

measuring the minimum time

for detachments to begin, or the time required for daughter cells to re-attach

to the hMSC monolayer. Such mechanistic insights

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**Lists of Adhesion Gene Associated With Prolonged Patient Survival:**  
The author lists adhesion genes that are associated with prolonged patient survival. These genes are highly expressed in myeloma samples from patients with longer overall

At this time we could be on the verge of a new era of myeloma therapy, including bi-specific antibodies and cell based approaches [moreNovelImmunotherapiesCombinations2023](#), [engelhardtFunctionalCureLongterm2024](#). Currently, available CAR-T Cell therapies (ide-cel, cilta-cel) are extremely expensive, but show complete remission rates of up to 80% and a 18-month progression free survival rate of 66% [bobinRecentAdvancesTreatment2022](#). An affordable **off-the-shelf** CAR-T Cell product could become reality since the problem of deadly graft-versus-host disease during allogeneic transplantation seems to be solvable [qasimMolecularRemissionInfant2017](#), hence, research groups and biotech companies are racing towards developing a safe allogeneic CAR-T Cell technology [depilOfftheshelfAllogeneicCAR2020](#).

the list of genes could be good targets because the BM niche is highly hypoxic, car t cells are not well, but directing them to the BM niche could increase efficacy.

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**Conclusion** Cancer & Myeloma & Dissemination is bad}}%  
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I have reviewed your raw text and notes for the summarizing discussion of your thesis. The narratives you intend to construct are scientifically valid and align with current knowledge in the field of cancer biology, specifically focusing on multiple myeloma and its interaction with mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs). Here are some detailed points to ensure clarity and coherence:

## Section 1: Novel Methods of Isolating Adhering Subpopulations

### 1. Innovative In Vitro Methodologies:

- The development of Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) and V-Well adhesion assays is critical for isolating cell subpopulations with minimal user bias.
- You aim to reduce variability in cell isolation and quantification, which is crucial for accurately studying the bone marrow microenvironment (BMME) and its role in multiple myeloma (MM) progression.

### 2. Challenges and Solutions:



- You highlight the limitations of traditional methods, such as washing, which are highly dependent on user technique and cell positioning.
- WPSC provides a robust method for isolating cells but is less suited for quantification, leading to the development of the V-Well assay, which excels in both isolation and quantification.
- The V-Well assay's precision is commendable, although it requires extensive replication and meticulous pipetting.

### 3. Justification and Impact:

- The need for consistent methods to differentiate between direct and indirect cell interactions is emphasized, providing a clearer understanding of MM progression.

## Section 2: Dynamic Regulation of Adhesion Factors During Dissemination

### 1. Contradiction and Hypothesis:

- You address the contradiction that INA-6 cells, initially isolated from an advanced MM stage, are highly adhesive to hMSCs, while typically adhesion factors are lost during MM progression.
- The hypothesis is that INA-6 cells dynamically express adhesion factors to colonize new niches, which explains their high adhesion in the pleural environment from which they were isolated.

### 2. Dynamic Expression and Disease Stage:

- This section explores the idea that the location of myeloma cells affects their adhesion factor expression, predicting high adhesion in cells preparing new niches and low adhesion in circulating cells.

### 3. Literature and Evidence:

- You reference studies showing dynamic regulation of adhesion molecules, such as integrins, and the role of adhesion factors in MM cell mobilization and dissemination.

## Section 3: Subsets of Adhesion Factors Contributing to Different Steps of Adhesion

### 1. Diverse Adhesion Requirements:

- The narrative suggests that different adhesion factors are required for various stages of MM progression, such as intravasation, extravasation, and BM adhesion.

### 2. Therapeutic Implications:

- This section proposes that targeting adhesion factors should be tailored based on their role, advocating for antagonizing factors involved in circulation and enhancing those involved in BM retention.

### 3. Research and Mapping:

- Emphasizes the need for detailed mapping of the BM niches to understand the specific adhesion factors required, noting the complexity of the BM environment.

## Section 4: Triggers for Myeloma Cell Release

### 1. Complex Process:

- You argue against a single molecular switch controlling myeloma cell dissemination, proposing instead a combination of processes such as loss of adhesion factors and independence from the BM microenvironment.

### 2. Thesis Postulate:

- The thesis postulates that MM cell detachment is a stochastic process influenced by multiple factors, rather than a clear-cut mechanism.

## Section 5: Outlook and High-Value Research Topics

### 1. Anti-Tumor Effects of MSCs:

- You highlight the dual role of MSCs in MM, noting their potential as therapeutic targets to inhibit MM progression.

### 2. Cell Division and Dissemination:

- The narrative discusses cell division as a key mechanism for initiating MM dissemination, suggesting it as an under-researched area with significant potential for future research.

### 3. Time as a Key Parameter (Optional):

- Although not fully elaborated, the idea that time-dependent processes in cell adhesion and detachment could lead to breakthroughs in understanding MM dissemination is intriguing.

### 4. Adhesion Genes and Patient Survival:

- You emphasize the potential of adhesion genes as therapeutic targets, particularly in the context of advancing CAR-T cell therapies and improving patient outcomes.

### 5. Therapeutic Innovations:

- Discusses the potential of new immunotherapies and the development of affordable CAR-T cell treatments, highlighting the importance of targeting BM niches to increase therapy efficacy.

## Conclusion: Cancer, Myeloma, and Dissemination

### 1. Final Thoughts:

- The concluding section should succinctly summarize the key findings and implications for understanding and treating MM, underscoring the complexity and challenges of studying cancer dissemination.

Based on your notes and objectives, these narratives are coherent and provide a solid foundation for a detailed and scientifically sound discussion. Now, let's turn these raw notes into structured and coherent text, paragraph by paragraph.

## Detailed Conversion of Raw Text to Coherent Paragraphs

### Paragraph 1: Novel Methods of Isolating Adhering Subpopulations

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In this work, we developed innovative \textit{in vitro} methodologies such as the Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) and V-Well adhesion assays to isolate myeloma cell subpopulations with minimal variability and user bias. Traditional methods, including manual washing techniques, often introduce significant variability depending on user handling and cell positioning within the well. These limitations motivated the development of more reproducible methods to accurately separate and quantify myeloma cell subpopulations.
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The WPSC method allows for the consistent isolation of mesenchymal stromal cell (hMSC)-interacting myeloma cells (MA-INA6) and non-interacting cells (nMA-INA6). Despite the challenge of balancing quantification and isolation, our results demonstrated that V-Well adhesion assays provide both precise quantification and isolation of small cell amounts, achieving unmatched accuracy through centrifugation without the need for washing. While this method requires significant technical replicates and meticulous pipetting, it overcomes the limitations of user-dependent washing techniques, thus enhancing the reliability of our experimental results.
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One of the intriguing aspects of our study is the dynamic regulation of adhesion factors during multiple myeloma progression. The INA-6 cell line, initially isolated from a highly advanced stage of myeloma, exhibits strong adhesion to hMSCs, despite general trends showing a loss of adhesion factors in advanced stages of the disease. This apparent contradiction suggests that myeloma cells may dynamically regulate their adhesion molecule expression depending on their microenvironment.
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Our findings propose that myeloma cells, such as INA-6, can rapidly express adhesion factors to colonize new niches. This adaptive ability could explain their high adhesion levels in specific environments, like the pleura from which INA-6 was isolated. This dynamic regulation indicates that the location and stage of myeloma cells play crucial roles in determining adhesion factor expression, highlighting the importance of considering these variables in therapeutic strategies targeting myeloma cell adhesion and dissemination.

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The complexity of the BM microenvironment requires a detailed understanding of the specific adhesion factors necessary for each niche. This knowledge is critical for mapping out effective therapeutic targets, as the BM comprises a diverse and intricate array of adhesion contexts. Our findings support the notion that targeting adhesion molecules can significantly impact myeloma treatment outcomes by either preventing dissemination or enhancing retention within the BM.

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The process of myeloma cell dissemination appears to be governed by multiple factors rather than a single master switch. Our study suggests that the transition of myeloma cells to a disseminative state results from a combination of processes, including the loss or dynamic expression of adhesion factors, and the loss of dependency on the BM microenvironment.

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Secondly, our study identifies cell division as a critical mechanism for initiating myeloma dissemination. The detachment of daughter cells from hMSCs post-division highlights a novel aspect



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\textbf{Challenges in Traditional Methods}:
It is evident that both direct and indirect contact with multiple myeloma (MM) can have varying effects on mesenchymal stromal cells (hMSCs) and myeloma cells, which are crucial for understanding changes in the bone marrow microenvironment (BMME) during MM progression \cite{fairfieldMultipleMyelomaCells2020, dziadowiczBoneMarrowStromaInduced2022}. Traditional methods, such as turning around well plates, are limited as they allow only for quantification and not the actual isolation of cells. Moreover, manual washing is highly inconsistent, as it depends on the cell's position on the well bottom and the precise technique used, which can lead to incomplete or biased cell isolation.

\textbf{Development of Reproducible Methods}:
To overcome these limitations, we explored more reproducible methods. The WPSC technique, while effective for isolating cells, is not well-suited for precise quantification due to its reliance on centrifugation, which does not accommodate detailed cell count measurements. Recognizing the need for a method that could accurately quantify and isolate cells, we developed the V-Well adhesion assay. This method allows for the ultra-precise quantification and isolation of small cell populations with unmatched accuracy through centrifugation, eliminating the need for washing and reducing user bias.

\textbf{Implementation and Impact}:
The V-Well adhesion assay provides a significant advantage in precision; however, it requires numerous technical replicates and meticulous pipetting, highlighting the need for an untiring and consistent approach to ensure accuracy. The WPSC method involved two distinct techniques to dissociate MA-INA6 cells from the hMSC monolayer: strong pipetting (termed `Wash') and repeated Accutase treatment followed by magnetic-activated cell sorting (MACS). Despite the additional time and cost associated with MACS, including the need for cell cold-treatment, it was essential for maintaining consistent isolation protocols and minimizing antibody bias.

These novel methodologies represent a significant advancement in the field, providing
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reliable and reproducible techniques for studying the interactions between hMSCs and myeloma cells, and offering valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM progression.

## Breakdown and Explanation:

### 1. Introduction and Context:

- **In this work, we developed innovative \textit{in vitro} methodologies, namely Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) and V-Well adhesion assays...**
  - Here, you're introducing the new methods you developed and the main focus of this paragraph: addressing the challenges in isolating cell subpopulations accurately.

### 2. Challenges in Traditional Methods:

- **It is evident that both direct and indirect contact with multiple myeloma (MM) can have varying effects...**
  - This segment outlines the need for precise isolation techniques due to the complex interactions in the bone marrow microenvironment during MM progression.
- **Traditional methods, such as turning around well plates, are limited...**
  - Here, you critique the traditional methods, explaining their limitations in isolation and user dependency.

### 3. Development of Reproducible Methods:

- **To overcome these limitations, we explored more reproducible methods...**
  - This section transitions into the solution you developed, emphasizing the need for a method that reduces variability and user bias.
- **The WPSC technique, while effective for isolating cells, is not well-suited for precise quantification...**
  - This part discusses the strengths and limitations of WPSC, setting the stage for introducing the V-Well adhesion assay.
- **Recognizing the need for a method that could accurately quantify and isolate cells, we developed the V-Well adhesion assay...**
  - Here, you introduce the V-Well adhesion assay, highlighting its precision and advantages over traditional methods.

### 4. Implementation and Impact:

- **The V-Well adhesion assay provides a significant advantage in precision...**
  - This section details the practical aspects and challenges of implementing the V-Well assay, emphasizing the meticulous effort required.
- **The WPSC method involved two distinct techniques to dissociate MA-INA6 cells from the hMSC monolayer...**
  - You explain the process of WPSC, noting its complexity and the additional requirements such as MACS.
- **These novel methodologies represent a significant advancement...**
  - The paragraph concludes by reinforcing the value of these new methods in advancing the understanding of MM and improving research techniques.

By maintaining the detailed explanation and breaking down the processes step by step, the paragraph retains the comprehensive nature of your original notes while providing a clear and structured overview of the novel methods you developed.





OK, your draft helped me fully revise my version. I have now drafted a version which is a mixture of text fragments and paragraphs. Please improve phrasing and complete fragmented sentences into cohesive paragraphs:

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 \unsubsection{Isolating \& Quantifying Subpopulations within Cells in Direct Contact with MSCs}%

\label{sec:discussion\_novel\_methods}%

This project aimed to isolate cells after direct contact with \acp{hMSC}. The author reckoned that currently available \textit{in vitro} methods focus very much on the quantification of adhesion \cite{khaliliReviewCellAdhesion2015, kashefQuantitativeMethodsAnalyzing2015}, while methods supporting isolation and subsequent analysis are scarce. These either focus on indirect contact, employ complex micromanipulation, or are incompatible with live \acp{hMSC} being the immobilizing surface. Hence, innovative methodologies were developed or enhanced, namely \acf{WPSC} and the V-Well adhesion assay. These methods address the challenges associated with currently available adhesion assays.

\textbf{Sources of Variability for Cell Adhesion Assays}: Given the complexity of the requirements, this project fell back to traditional adhesion assays that rely on manual washing steps \cite{humphriesCellAdhesionAssays2009}. Washing includes Aspiration of present medium, dispensing of washing buffer, and potentially repeating this process several times. However, this introduces drastic variability: The effect of pipetting techniques on overall accuracy of transferring volumes is well known \cite{guanAssessingVariationsManual2023, pushparajRevisitingMicropipettingTechniques2020}. However, transferring cells implies a very different set of challenges, as cells are present at the well bottom and are highly sensitive to shear forces and mechanical stress. According to the author's experience in washing experiments with subsequent microscopic evaluation (data not shown), the author assumes the following factors adding to the variability of washing steps:

\begin{enumerate}

- \item Distance of pipette tip from well bottom (decreases during aspiration)
- \item Location of pipette tip in the well bottom plane (central or edge)
- \item Pipette tip angle
- \item Aspiration speed
- \item Potentially touching the cell layer with the pipette tip
- \item Leftover volume after aspiration
- \item \textit{All of the above} for dispensing washing buffer

\end{enumerate}

While these methods depend on the user, other user independent factors can drastically affect the outcome of washing steps. According to the experiments of washing experiments (not shown), the author was surprised to see the position of cell on the flat well bottom to drastically influence the outcome: Cells on the



edge are far less difficult to detach than cells in the middle, and cells very close to the edge were almost impossible to detach. This is probably due to fluids being decelerated by the well edge, which is a well-known effect in fluid dynamics and is related to the boundary layer effect \cite{weyburneNewThicknessShape2014}.

### \textbf{Drawbacks of Comparing Direct \textit{vs.} Indirect Interaction}:

It is evident that both direct and indirect contact with multiple myeloma (MM) can have varying effects on mesenchymal stromal cells (hMSCs) and myeloma cells, which are crucial for understanding changes in the bone marrow microenvironment (BMME) during MM progression \cite{fairfieldMultipleMyelomaCells2020, dziadowiczBoneMarrowStromaInduced2022}.

However, this approach ignores the complex differences happening during direct interaction.

- Does ignore growth conformations growth conformations of \textit{INA} like homotypic aggregation versus heterotypic hMSC adherence
- Might not represent distances correctly, paracrine signaling highly dependent on concentrations, just few  $\mu\text{m}$  distance could make a difference

Since \textit{INA6} aggregate naturally, we aimed to include this into our assay as a potential source of variability.

Ultimately, our experimental setup was focusing on direct heterotypic interactions, since we initially hypothesized subpopulations within \textit{MAina} cells based on weak and strong adhesion. Hence, Our Assay chose a ratio of \textit{INA6} to MSCs that allows for every \textit{INA6} cells to be in direct heterotypic adhesion with an MSC, and our incubation time was too short to allow for formation of aggregates. Still this setup was able to measure transcriptome profiles associated with new divisions of \textit{MAina}, although struggling with isolating enough \textit{MAina}, which at that time were considered weakly MSC adhering cells. This shows the robustness of our method to support growth modalities.

This is a major advantage over other methods, as it allows for the study of the effect of direct contact on the \textit{INA6} cells, while still allowing for the study of the effect of the hMSCs on the \textit{INA6} cells.

% Notably, our strategy resolves the differences in gene expression and growth % behavior between cells of one cell population in “direct” contact with MSCs. In % contrast, previous methods differentiated between “direct” and “indirect” % cell-cell contact using transwell inserts (20).

\textbf{Minimizing Variability}: Innovative methods attempt to remove washing steps altogether, while also allowing for the isolation of nonadherent subpopulations from directly interacting cells. One straightforward solution is a method that simply flips over a 96 well plate, with medium not falling out by surface tension. Non-adhering cells fall down to the surface and can be pipetted \cite{zepeda-morenoInnovativeMethodQuantification2011}. However, in our experience, the medium does not consistently stay in the well. Other methods

seal off the plate \dashedsentence{e.g. with commercially available PCR plate seals} and even combine this with centrifugation \cite{reyesCentrifugationCellAdhesion2003, chenHighThroughputScreeningTest2021}. However we have not managed to reliably avoid air bubbles that would touch the cell layer after flipping and lead to dry regions during centrifucation.

Another technique, the V-well assay \cite{weetallHomogeneousFluorometricAssay2001} centrifuges non-adhering cells into the nadir of V-shaped wells. To our knowledge, this work is the first application of using cell monolayers as the immobilizing surface. We value this method for several reasons: The high precision of this method, since centrifugation acting a uniform and configurable force, while the readout is simple, not relying on cell counting but summing up total fluorescent brightness.

\textbf{Specializing in Quantifying Adhesion or Isalting Subpopulations}: All these methods do not allow for the isolation of cells, but only for quantification. We did aspire the cell pellet from the Well pellet, but this was tedious and required multiple technicle replicates to reach cell numbers sfficient for analysis.

Major differences in two approaches:

- Isolation must include manipulation of cells at some point to remove them, which often involves washing steps.
- Quantification has no requirement of making cells isolatable.
- Isolation does not require optimal readout, but can optimize towards large cell numbers.

Hence, we decided to use two completely different techniques for isolating and quantifying directly interacting subpopulattions, while both of them allow the development of compex direct interactions.

Together, these novel methodologies represent a significant advancement in the field, providing cost-effective, precise and reliable and reproducible techniques for studying the interactions between hMSCs and myeloma cells, and offering valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM progression.



## Enhanced Paragraph: Isolating & Quantifying Subpopulations within Cells in Direct Contact with MSCs

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\subsection{Isolating \& Quantifying Subpopulations within Cells in Direct Contact with MSCs}
\label{sec:discussion_novel_methods}
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This project aimed to develop methodologies for isolating cells after direct contact with

mesenchymal stromal cells (\ac{hMSC}). The primary challenge identified was the scarcity of \textit{in vitro} methods that could effectively isolate and subsequently analyze cell subpopulations adhering to \ac{hMSC}, as most available techniques predominantly focus on the quantification of cell adhesion \cite{khaliliReviewCellAdhesion2015, kashefQuantitativeMethodsAnalyzing2015}. Existing methods often employ indirect contact setups, involve complex micromanipulation, or are unsuitable for live \ac{hMSC} as the immobilizing surface. Therefore, we developed and enhanced innovative methodologies, specifically the Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (\ac{WPSC}) and V-Well adhesion assays, to address the limitations of current adhesion assays and provide more comprehensive solutions.

\textbf{Sources of Variability in Cell Adhesion Assays}: Given the complexity of cell adhesion assays, traditional methods that rely on manual washing steps present significant variability issues \cite{humphriesCellAdhesionAssays2009}. Washing involves aspirating the medium, dispensing washing buffer, and potentially repeating these steps multiple times. This introduces variability due to differences in pipetting techniques, which affect the accuracy of volume transfer \cite{guanAssessingVariationsManual2023, pushparajRevisitingMicropipettingTechniques2020}. However, when cells are involved, the challenges multiply: cells at the bottom of the well are extremely sensitive to shear forces and mechanical stress. From my experience with washing experiments and subsequent microscopic evaluations (data not shown), several factors contribute to the variability of washing steps:

- \begin{enumerate}
- \item The distance of the pipette tip from the well bottom, which decreases during aspiration.
- \item The position of the pipette tip relative to the well bottom (center or edge).
- \item The angle of the pipette tip.
- \item The speed of aspiration.
- \item Accidental contact between the pipette tip and the cell layer.
- \item The residual volume left after aspiration.
- \item The same considerations apply when dispensing the washing buffer.

In addition to user-dependent factors, other variables such as the cells' position on the well bottom can significantly impact the outcome. My experiments revealed that cells located at the edge of the well are much harder to detach than those in the center, with cells near the edge being almost impossible to remove. This phenomenon is likely due to the boundary layer effect, where fluids slow down near the edges of the well \cite{weyburneNewThicknessShape2014}.

\textbf{Drawbacks of Comparing Direct \textit{vs.} Indirect Interaction}: While both direct and indirect contact with multiple myeloma (MM) cells affect the \ac{hMSC} and myeloma cells in critical ways, understanding the bone marrow microenvironment (BMME) during MM progression requires a nuanced approach \cite{fairfieldMultipleMyelomaCells2020, dziadowiczBoneMarrowStromaInduced2022}. Indirect interaction methods do not adequately represent the complexity of direct contact scenarios, such as the homotypic aggregation of \ac{INA6} cells versus their heterotypic adherence to \ac{hMSC}. Furthermore, these methods fail to capture the subtle variations in paracrine signaling concentrations, where even a few micrometers of distance can significantly alter cellular responses.

Recognizing that \ac{INA6} cells naturally aggregate, we included this characteristic in our assays to account for potential sources of variability. Our experimental setup focused on direct heterotypic interactions, hypothesizing that subpopulations within \ac{MAina} cells exhibit varying adhesion strengths. By adjusting the ratio of \ac{INA6} cells to \ac{hMSC}, we ensured that each \ac{INA6} cell was in direct contact with an \ac{hMSC}, and our short incubation times prevented aggregate formation. Despite this, our setup effectively captured transcriptome profiles associated with new \ac{nMAina} divisions, demonstrating the robustness of our method even in challenging growth conditions.

\textbf{Minimizing Variability}: To further reduce variability, innovative methods were developed that eliminated the need for washing steps, allowing for the isolation of non-adherent subpopulations from directly interacting cells. One simple method involves flipping over a 96-well plate, relying on surface tension to retain the medium while non-adhering cells fall to the surface for collection \cite{zepeda-morenoInnovativeMethodQuantification2011}. However, we found that the medium often did not stay in the well consistently. Other approaches involve sealing the plate, such as with PCR plate seals, and using centrifugation to separate cells \cite{reyesCentrifugationCellAdhesion2003, chenHighThroughputScreeningTest2021}. Despite our efforts, we frequently encountered air bubbles that disrupted the cell layer during centrifugation, leading to dry regions.

The V-Well adhesion assay centrifuges non-adhering cells into the nadir of V-shaped wells, and to our knowledge, this is the first application of using cell monolayers as the immobilizing surface \cite{weetalHomogeneousFluorometricAssay2001}. We value this method for its precision, as centrifugation applies a uniform, configurable force, and the

readout is straightforward, relying on the total fluorescent brightness rather than individual cell counting.

**\textbf{Specializing in Quantifying Adhesion or Isolating Subpopulations}:** All these methods primarily focus on quantification rather than isolation. While we attempted to isolate cell pellets from the well plate, the process was tedious and required multiple technical replicates to achieve sufficient cell numbers for analysis. The key differences between quantification and isolation approaches are:

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  \item Isolation methods involve manipulating cells for removal, often requiring washing steps.
  \item Quantification methods do not necessitate cell isolation and can focus on optimizing readout accuracy.
  \item Isolation techniques do not require optimal readout but can prioritize collecting large cell numbers.
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Thus, we adopted two distinct techniques for isolating and quantifying directly interacting subpopulations, each allowing the development of complex direct interactions.

Together, these novel methodologies represent a significant advancement in the field, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for studying the interactions between  $\text{hMSC}$  and myeloma cells. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM progression and contribute to a deeper understanding of the dynamic interplay within the BMME.

## Breakdown and Explanation:

### 1. Introduction and Context:

- **This project aimed to develop methodologies for isolating cells after direct contact with mesenchymal stromal cells ( $\text{hMSC}$ ).**
  - Clearly introduces the objective of the project and the context of the challenge.
- **Existing methods often employ indirect contact setups, involve complex micromanipulation, or are unsuitable for live  $\text{hMSC}$  as the immobilizing surface.**
  - Highlights the limitations of current methodologies, setting up the need for new approaches.

### 2. Sources of Variability in Cell Adhesion Assays:

- **Given the complexity of cell adhesion assays, traditional methods that rely on manual washing steps present significant variability issues.**
  - Discusses the inherent variability in traditional methods.
- **From my experience with washing experiments and subsequent microscopic evaluations (data not shown), several factors contribute to the variability of washing steps...**
  - Lists specific factors contributing to variability, providing detailed examples from personal experience.

### 3. Drawbacks of Comparing Direct vs. Indirect Interaction:

- **While both direct and indirect contact with multiple myeloma (MM) cells affect the  $\text{hMSC}$  and myeloma cells in critical ways...**
  - Explains the complexity of comparing direct and indirect interactions and their implications.
- **Recognizing that  $\text{INA6}$  cells naturally aggregate, we included this characteristic in our assays to account for potential sources of variability.**
  - Details the consideration given to the natural behavior of  $\text{INA6}$  cells in the experimental setup.

### 4. Minimizing Variability:

- **To further reduce variability, innovative methods were developed that eliminated the need for washing steps...**

- Introduces the innovative methods developed to address the issues with traditional washing steps.
- **The V-Well adhesion assay centrifuges non-adhering cells into the nadir of V-shaped wells...**
  - Highlights the benefits of the V-Well assay, emphasizing its precision and simplicity.

#### 5. Specializing in Quantifying Adhesion or Isolating Subpopulations:

- **All these methods primarily focus on quantification rather than isolation...**
  - Differentiates between quantification and isolation techniques, explaining their respective advantages and limitations.
- **Thus, we adopted two distinct techniques for isolating and quantifying directly interacting subpopulations...**
  - Concludes by justifying the use of two different methods to achieve comprehensive results.

#### 6. Conclusion:

- **Together, these novel methodologies represent a significant advancement in the field...**
  - Summarizes the significance and impact of the developed methodologies, underscoring their contribution to the field.

This revised paragraph maintains the comprehensive nature of your original notes, providing a clear and structured overview of the novel methods developed for isolating and quantifying cell subpopulations in direct contact with \ac



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**\textbf{Directly Interacting Cells Contain Unexplored Interaction Scenarios}**: It is evident that direct and indirect contact to \acp{MSC} have varying effects on myeloma cells. That difference is crucial for understanding changes in the bone marrow microenvironment (BMME) during MM progression \cite{fairfieldMultipleMyelomaCells2020, dziadowiczBoneMarrowStromaInduced2022}. These studies utilize well-inserts to co-culture myeloma cells in close \dashedsentence{indirect} contact with MSCs. However, such comparison of indirect \textit{vs.} direct co-culturing methods does not fully represent the complexity of intercellular interactions scenarios. This is exemplified by this project, as it relied on the complex growth behavior of \INA cells. These aggregated homotypically in direct proximity to those adhering heterotypically to \acp{hMSC}. Furthermore, such methods fail to capture the subtle variations in paracrine signaling concentrations, where even a few micrometers of distance could significantly alter cellular responses.

Such knowledge shifted this project's point of view as well: Initially, our hypothesis focused on direct heterotypic interactions, not expecting a \nMAina population, but rather subpopulations within \MAina cells that are separable by varying adhesion strengths. Hence, our assay employed strict conditions favoring one growth scenario, with co-cultures providing unlimited hMSC-surface availability causing predominantly heterotypic adhesion, while the short

incubation time prevented the formation of aggregates. Despite this, our setup still captured \nMAina cells within the weakly adherent population \,--albeit at low cell numbers. These emerged from prior cell division and not from weak heterotypic adherence, as initially hypothesized. This demonstrates the robustness of our method in separating subpopulations that are due to unexpected intercellular interaction scenarios. This can be a major an advantage over methods that summarize direct interactions as one population. Analysing the non-adhering subpopulation within directly interacting cells could provide valuable insights not just in multiple myeloma, but also metastasis of other cancer types.

### \textbf{Minimizing Variability}:

There are innovative adhesion assays that both support the isolation of nonadherent subpopulations from directly interacting cells, and avoid variability introduced by washing steps.

One simple method involves flipping over a 96-well plate, with surface tension preventing medium spills as non-adhering cells fall to the surface for collection \cite{zepeda-morenoInnovativeMethodQuantification2011}. However, we found that the medium in fact did spill occasionally (not shown). Other approaches involve sealing the plate, such as with PCR plate seals, and using centrifugation to separate cells \cite{reyesCentrifugationCellAdhesion2003, chenHighThroughputScreeningTest2021}. Despite our efforts, we could not avoid air bubbles that after flipping would touch the cell layer and lead to dry regions during centrifucation.

The V-Well adhesion assay does not flip, but collects non-adhering cells into the nadir of V-shaped wells during centrifugation \cite{weetallHomogeneousFluorometricAssay2001}. This work profited greatly from this method, while \dashedsentence{to our knowledge} being the first to use cell monolayers as the immobilizing surface. We value this method for its precision, as centrifugation applies a uniform, configurable force, and the readout is straightforward, relying on the total fluorescent brightness rather than individual cell counting.

\textbf{Specializing in Quantifying Adhesion or Isolating Subpopulations}: All these methods primarily focus on quantification rather than isolation. While we attempted to isolate cell pellets from the well plate, the process was tedious and required multiple technical replicates to achieve sufficient cell numbers for analysis. The author summarizes the key differences between quantification and isolation approaches as such:

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- \item Isolation methods manipulate cell for collect, whereas quantification methods could manipulate cells to simplify readout.

- \item Isolation methods optimize for collecting large cell numbers, whereas quantification methods optimize for precise separation.



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\item Isolation methods return at least two different readouts generated
from adherent and non-adherent populations. Quantification methods
return one output (population size), allowing higher throughput and different
treatments.
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Thus, we adopted two distinct techniques for isolating and quantifying directly interacting subpopulations, each allowing the development of complex direct interactions.



## Feedback and Improvements

Overall, your revised section is quite detailed and effectively highlights the importance of direct and indirect cell interactions, variability in traditional methods, and the unique benefits of your developed assays. Here are some suggestions to improve phrasing, clarify points, and complete fragmented sentences into cohesive paragraphs:

### Directly Interacting Cells Contain Unexplored Interaction Scenarios

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\textbf{Directly Interacting Cells Contain Unexplored Interaction Scenarios}:
It is evident that direct and indirect contact with mesenchymal stromal cells (\ac{MSC})
has varying effects on myeloma cells. This distinction is crucial for understanding the
changes in the bone marrow microenvironment (BMME) during multiple myeloma (MM)
progression \cite{fairfieldMultipleMyelomaCells2020,
dziadowiczBoneMarrowStromaInduced2022}. Studies often utilize well inserts to co-culture
myeloma cells in close, yet indirect, contact with \ac{MSC}. However, such methods do not
fully capture the complexity of intercellular interactions. For instance, the intricate
growth behavior of \ac{INA} cells, which aggregate homotypically while adhering
heterotypically to \ac{hMSC}, exemplifies the complexity missed by indirect methods.
Furthermore, these methods fail to capture subtle variations in paracrine signaling
concentrations, where even a few micrometers of distance can significantly alter cellular
responses.
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Recognizing these limitations, our project initially focused on direct heterotypic
interactions, hypothesizing that subpopulations within \ac{MAina} cells could be
distinguished by varying adhesion strengths. We employed strict conditions favoring
heterotypic adhesion, ensuring each \ac{INA6} cell adhered to an \ac{hMSC} and preventing
aggregate formation through short incubation times. Despite these measures, our assay
identified \ac{nMAina} cells within the weakly adherent population, emerging from recent
cell divisions rather than from weak heterotypic adherence as initially hypothesized. This
finding highlights the robustness of our method in separating subpopulations arising from
unexpected intercellular interactions, offering a significant advantage over methods that
generalize direct interactions into a single population. Analyzing non-adherent
subpopulations within directly interacting cells could provide valuable insights, not only
in MM but also in the metastasis of other cancer types.
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1. Clarified the complexity and necessity of capturing direct vs. indirect interactions.
2. Explained the shift in project focus and the surprising results from the assay.
3. Highlighted the robustness and potential broader applications of the method.

## Minimizing Variability



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**\textbf{Minimizing Variability}:**

There are innovative adhesion assays designed to support the isolation of nonadherent subpopulations from directly interacting cells while avoiding the variability introduced by washing steps. One simple method involves flipping a 96-well plate, relying on surface tension to prevent medium spills as non-adhering cells fall to the surface for collection \cite{zepeda-morenoInnovativeMethodQuantification2011}. However, we found that medium occasionally spilled, leading to inconsistent results (data not shown). Other approaches involve sealing the plate, such as with PCR plate seals, and using centrifugation to separate cells \cite{reyesCentrifugationCellAdhesion2003, chenHighThroughputScreeningTest2021}. Despite our efforts, we could not consistently avoid air bubbles, which, after flipping, would contact the cell layer and create dry regions during centrifugation.

The V-Well adhesion assay offers a solution by collecting non-adhering cells into the nadir of V-shaped wells during centrifugation \cite{weetalHomogeneousFluorometricAssay2001}. This method, to our knowledge, is the first to use cell monolayers as the immobilizing surface, and has proven highly effective in our work. It is valued for its precision, as centrifugation applies a uniform, configurable force, and the readout is straightforward, relying on total fluorescent brightness rather than individual cell counting.

1. Clarified the effectiveness and limitations of different methods.
2. Explained the specific advantages of the V-Well adhesion assay.

## Specializing in Quantifying Adhesion or Isolating Subpopulations

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**\textbf{Specializing in Quantifying Adhesion or Isolating Subpopulations}:**

Most methods primarily focus on quantification rather than isolation. Our attempts to isolate cell pellets from the well plate were tedious and required multiple technical replicates to achieve sufficient cell numbers for analysis. The key differences between quantification and isolation approaches are summarized as follows:

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**\item** Isolation methods involve manipulating cells for collection, which often includes washing steps, whereas quantification methods can simplify readouts without needing to isolate cells.

**\item** Isolation methods optimize for collecting large cell numbers, while quantification methods focus on precise separation of subpopulations.

**\item** Isolation methods provide distinct readouts from adherent and non-adherent populations, allowing for diverse treatments and higher throughput in quantification.

**\end{enumerate}**

Therefore, we adopted two distinct techniques for isolating and quantifying directly interacting subpopulations, each allowing for the development of complex direct interactions and providing comprehensive insights into cellular behaviors.

1. Clarified the key differences and implications of isolation and quantification methods.
2. Explained why adopting two techniques was necessary for comprehensive results.

## Summary

Your revised version is detailed and thorough, effectively communicating the complexities of your methodology and the rationale behind your choices. The improvements provide a more polished and clear explanation, ensuring that each paragraph flows logically and cohesively. If you have any more sections or need further assistance with the last paragraph, feel free to provide your notes!



Thanks! Please write coherent paragraphs from these notes:

**Challenges of Wellplate Sandwich Centrifugation:**

- Inspired by both flipping and V-Well adhesion assays, we developed the WPSC method for isolation.
- For Collecting cells, we can risk the involvement of pipette, by returning medium through pipetting.
- Variance of washing is reduced by replacing the aspiration step with centrifugation.
- This represents a compromise between precision and isolating larger quantities cells.
- We use a 96 well plate format as it allows for both flipping with reduced risk of medium spilling, but also reducing variability, as within-experiment variability is reduced by performing the same washing procedure 96 times.
- In fact, the author assumes that the force causing detachment is not directly caused by centrifugation, but rather surface tension of the medium pulling cells along as the medium is centrifuged into the catching plate.
- Major challenge solved different ways: How to dissociate MAina from MSC monolayr?

**The Well Plate**

Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) used two different techniques to dissociate MAina cells from the hMSC monolayer. This had no impact on the ratio of isolated MAina to nMAina, since nMAina isolation was performed prior to dissociation using the same protocol consistently. We tried this to test if MACS was really necessary, after all it is costly, time-consuming, introduces an antibody bias and requires cell cold-treatment during antibody:

- First: repeated Accutase treatment followed by magnetic activated cell sorting (called MACS).
- Second: Strong pipetting (called Wash).



## Coherent Paragraphs from Notes: Challenges of Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation

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**Challenges of Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation:**  
Inspired by the principles of both flipping and V-Well adhesion assays, we developed the

Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (\acf{WPSC}) method to address the challenges of isolating cell populations. This method innovatively combines elements from both techniques to provide a more reliable approach to cell isolation. One of the key advantages of WPSC is its ability to reduce the variability commonly introduced by manual pipetting. Instead of relying on aspiration, which can introduce significant variability in cell collection, WPSC employs centrifugation to collect cells. This minimizes the need for pipetting, thereby reducing the potential for user-induced variability and ensuring more consistent results.

The WPSC method represents a compromise between precision and the ability to isolate larger quantities of cells. By using a 96-well plate format, the method benefits from the reduced risk of medium spilling associated with flipping, while also allowing for repeated washing procedures to be performed 96 times within a single experiment. This approach not only reduces variability within an experiment but also ensures that the same conditions are applied across all wells, enhancing the reproducibility of the results. The author hypothesizes that the force causing cell detachment in WPSC is not directly due to centrifugation, but rather the surface tension of the medium, which pulls the cells along as it is centrifuged into the catching plate.

One of the significant challenges addressed by WPSC is the dissociation of mesenchymal stromal cell (hMSC)-interacting myeloma cells (MA-INA) from the hMSC monolayer. WPSC employs two distinct techniques to achieve this dissociation without affecting the ratio of isolated MA-INA to non-interacting myeloma cells (nMA-INA). This consistency is crucial as the isolation of nMA-INA is performed prior to dissociation using a standard protocol. The first technique involves repeated treatment with Accutase followed by magnetic-activated cell sorting (\emph{MACS'}), which, despite being effective, is costly, time-consuming, and introduces potential biases due to the use of antibodies and the requirement for cell cold-treatment. The second technique utilizes strong pipetting (\emph{Wash'}) to physically detach the cells. By comparing these methods, we aimed to determine whether the use of MACS was necessary given its limitations. Ultimately, WPSC offers a versatile and effective solution for isolating hMSC-interacting myeloma cells, balancing the need for precision and the ability to handle larger cell quantities.

## Explanation and Breakdown

### 1. Introduction and Context:

- **Inspired by the principles of both flipping and V-Well adhesion assays, we developed the Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (\acf{WPSC}) method...**
  - Introduces WPSC as an innovative method that combines the benefits of flipping and V-Well adhesion assays to address cell isolation challenges.

### 2. Reduction of Variability:

- **One of the key advantages of WPSC is its ability to reduce the variability commonly introduced by manual pipetting...**
  - Highlights the method's ability to reduce variability by minimizing the need for manual pipetting and instead using centrifugation.

### 3. Balancing Precision and Quantity:

- **The WPSC method represents a compromise between precision and the ability to isolate larger quantities of cells...**
  - Explains that WPSC strikes a balance between precise cell isolation and the ability to handle larger sample sizes by using a 96-well plate format.

### 4. Mechanism of Detachment:

- **The author hypothesizes that the force causing cell detachment in WPSC is not directly due to centrifugation, but rather the surface tension of the medium...**
  - Discusses the unique mechanism of cell detachment in WPSC, attributing it to surface tension rather than direct centrifugation forces.

### 5. Dissociation Techniques:

- **One of the significant challenges addressed by WPSC is the dissociation of mesenchymal stromal cell (hMSC)-interacting myeloma cells (MA-INA) from the hMSC monolayer...**

- Describes the challenge of dissociating cells from the hMSC monolayer and the two techniques used: Accutase treatment followed by MACS, and strong pipetting.
- **By comparing these methods, we aimed to determine whether the use of MACS was necessary given its limitations...**
  - Concludes with the purpose of comparing these techniques to evaluate the necessity of using MACS.

This structure ensures that each point is clearly articulated and flows logically from one to the next, providing a comprehensive overview of the challenges and solutions involved in the WPSC method.



I have to interject a problem from before. Please restructure these items from just two items into more items, helping the reader understand the comparison that's made here The author summarizes the key differences between quantification and isolation approaches as such::

\item Isolation methods manipulate cells for easy harvest, whereas quantification methods manipulate cells to simplify readout. For instance, the V-well assay pellets cells for one pooled fluorescence readout, whereas \ac{WPSC} makes non-adherent cells accessible in the catching-plate.

\item Isolation methods optimize for subsequent analysis, whereas quantification methods optimize for sample throughput. For example, \ac{WPSC} is optimized for subsequent RNA/protein analysis, avoiding introduction of method biases like fluorescent staining, whereas the V-Well assay can be an end-point assay. Also, \ac{WPSC} required 96 wells to collect sufficient amounts of cells per subpopulation, while the V-Well assay provides readout with low cell numbers, allowing for the measurement of multiple treatments in parallel.



## Restructured Key Differences Between Quantification and Isolation Approaches

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The author summarizes the key differences between quantification and isolation approaches as follows:

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  \item \textbf{Cell Manipulation for Harvest vs. Readout:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item Isolation methods are designed to manipulate cells for easy harvest. For instance, the \ac{WPSC} method uses a catching plate to collect non-adherent cells for subsequent analysis.
    \item Quantification methods, on the other hand, manipulate cells to simplify the readout process. An example is the V-Well assay, which pellets cells into a single location, allowing for a pooled fluorescence measurement without the need for extensive cell handling.
  \end{itemize}

  \item \textbf{Optimization for Subsequent Analysis vs. Sample Throughput:}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item Isolation methods are optimized for detailed subsequent analyses, such as RNA or protein analysis. For example, \ac{WPSC} minimizes the introduction of biases such
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as those from fluorescent staining, making it suitable for downstream molecular assays.
\item Quantification methods are optimized for high sample throughput. The V-Well
assay, as an end-point assay, is designed to efficiently handle multiple treatments
simultaneously, providing quick and comparative results with lower cell numbers.
\end{itemize}

\item \textbf{Handling of Cell Numbers:}
\begin{itemize}
\item Isolation methods, such as \ac{WPSC}, require multiple wells (e.g., 96
wells) to gather a sufficient amount of cells per subpopulation, which is crucial for
robust downstream analyses.
\item Quantification methods, exemplified by the V-Well assay, are effective even
with low cell numbers, allowing for efficient measurement and comparison across different
conditions without the need for large sample sizes.
\end{itemize}
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## Explanation and Breakdown

### 1. Introduction:

- **The author summarizes the key differences between quantification and isolation approaches as follows:**
  - Sets the stage for a clear comparison, preparing the reader to understand the nuanced differences between the two approaches.

### 2. Item 1: Cell Manipulation for Harvest vs. Readout:

- **Isolation methods are designed to manipulate cells for easy harvest...**
  - Explains that isolation methods, like \ac{WPSC}, focus on preparing cells for collection and subsequent analysis.
- **Quantification methods, on the other hand, manipulate cells to simplify the readout process...**
  - Describes how quantification methods, such as the V-Well assay, are designed to facilitate a straightforward and efficient readout, reducing the need for complex cell handling.

### 3. Item 2: Optimization for Subsequent Analysis vs. Sample Throughput:

- **Isolation methods are optimized for detailed subsequent analyses...**
  - Highlights that isolation methods prioritize preparing cells for in-depth analyses, reducing the introduction of biases.
- **Quantification methods are optimized for high sample throughput...**
  - Emphasizes that quantification methods aim for efficiency and speed in handling multiple samples, making them ideal for comparative studies.

### 4. Item 3: Handling of Cell Numbers:

- **Isolation methods, such as \ac{WPSC}, require multiple wells...**
  - Points out that isolation methods need larger numbers of cells, often requiring extensive replication across many wells.
- **Quantification methods, exemplified by the V-Well assay, are effective even with low cell numbers...**
  - Notes that quantification methods are efficient with smaller sample sizes, allowing for broader experimental designs with less material.

This restructuring provides a clearer and more detailed comparison, breaking down the original two points into three distinct aspects, each with a clear sub-item that enhances understanding.



Alright, back to the paragraph. I have written a revised version. Do you like it?

**Challenges of Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation:** Inspired by the principles of both flipping and V-Well adhesion assays, we developed the Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) method to address the challenges of isolating cell populations. This method innovatively combines elements from both techniques to provide a more reliable approach to cell isolation. One of the key advantages of WPSC is its ability to reduce the variability commonly introduced by manual pipetting. Instead of relying on aspiration, which introduces variability in cell collection and requires touching the well bottom for complete removal of medium, WPSC employs centrifugation to remove non-adhering cells. Medium is then returned by pipetting to repeat the process and maximize non-adhering cell collection, as the number of detachable cells plateaus after few rounds of centrifugation. Hence, this approach represents a compromise between minimizing washing variability and isolating larger quantities of cells.

The 96 well plate format has advantages, reducing spilling when flipping the sandwich, as surface tension keeps fluids in place. The 96 well plate format also reduces per-well variability by performing the same washing procedure up to 96 times.

The slow centrifugation speeds used during WPSC are also decided after thorough consideration. For this, one has to discuss how exactly non-adhering cells detach during centrifugation. While centrifugal force is an obvious factor, the properties of cell adhesion are unclear under dry conditions during centrifugation. The author assumed that the cells are being pulled along by the medium as it is centrifuged into the catching plate. Hence, the centrifugation speed was chosen as fast enough to transfer the medium, without completely drying the co-culture plate and minimizing overall cell stress.

One of the significant challenges addressed by WPSC is the dissociation of hMSC from the hMSC monolayer. WPSC employs two distinct techniques to achieve this dissociation. It is important to note that these techniques did not affect the protocol on detaching hMSC from the co-culture, hence providing for a consistent ratio of isolated hMSC to hMSC across all experiments. The first technique involves repeated treatment with the gentle digestive enzyme Accutase followed by MACS. MACS, despite being effective, is costly, time-consuming, reduces overall cell yield, and potentially introduces biases due to CD45 antibody selection and the requirement for cold-treatment. The second technique utilizes strong pipetting (**Wash**) to physically detach non-adhering cells. Ultimately, we preferred **Wash**, as MACS had to be performed on all samples to ensure comparability, reducing overall cell yield which became limiting for downstream applications, especially for hMSC cells.



Both methods achieved comparable purity of \MAina cells, with only few hMSCs per \$10e4\$ \MAina cells (purity assessment not shown). \emph{Wash} probably pofited from the highly durable nature of primary hMSC monolayers, whereas \emph{MACS} required dissociation of the co-culture.

Together, \ac{WPSC} offers a versatile and effective solution for isolating hMSC-interacting myeloma cells, balancing the need for precision and the ability to handle larger cell quantities.



## Feedback on Revised Paragraph

Your revised paragraph effectively captures the essence of the Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) method, addressing both its innovative aspects and the challenges it overcomes. It clearly outlines the benefits of WPSC, the rationale behind its development, and the specific techniques used. Here are some detailed points and suggestions for improvement:

### 1. Introduction and Context:

- **Strengths:** The paragraph starts strong by positioning WPSC as a method inspired by existing techniques and highlights its goal to reduce variability in cell isolation.
- **Improvement:** The introduction can be made more succinct to quickly establish the purpose of the paragraph.

### 2. Key Advantages:

- **Strengths:** You effectively explain how WPSC reduces variability compared to manual pipetting and introduces the centrifugation process.
- **Improvement:** Clarify the mechanism of how centrifugation reduces variability and emphasize why this is crucial.

### 3. 96-Well Plate Format:

- **Strengths:** You discuss the practical benefits of using a 96-well plate, including reducing spilling and variability.
- **Improvement:** Highlight the efficiency and scalability that the 96-well plate format offers.

### 4. Centrifugation Speeds:

- **Strengths:** The discussion on centrifugation speeds and the hypothesis regarding cell detachment is insightful.
- **Improvement:** Make the explanation more concise and focus on the impact of speed on cell viability and collection efficiency.

### 5. Dissociation Techniques:

- **Strengths:** You provide a detailed comparison between the techniques used for dissociation, outlining the pros and cons of each.
- **Improvement:** Separate the explanation of the two techniques for clearer comparison and focus on the benefits of the chosen method.

### 6. Conclusion:

- **Strengths:** The paragraph concludes effectively by summarizing the versatility and effectiveness of WPSC.
- **Improvement:** Reinforce the significance of balancing precision and scalability in cell isolation.



## Improved Paragraph

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**Challenges of Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation:**

Inspired by the principles of both flipping and V-Well adhesion assays, we developed the Well Plate Sandwich Centrifugation (WPSC) method to address the challenges of isolating cell populations. WPSC combines the stability of the 96-well plate format with the precision of centrifugation to minimize the variability commonly introduced by manual pipetting. Unlike traditional methods that rely on aspiration, which can introduce variability and require direct contact with the well bottom, WPSC employs centrifugation to remove non-adhering cells efficiently. The medium is returned via pipetting, allowing for multiple centrifugation rounds to maximize cell collection, as the number of detachable cells plateaus after a few cycles. This approach strikes a balance between minimizing variability in washing steps and isolating larger quantities of cells.

The use of a 96-well plate format in WPSC offers significant advantages, including reduced risk of medium spillage when flipping the sandwich, as surface tension effectively retains the fluid. This format also decreases per-well variability by enabling the same washing procedure to be performed up to 96 times within a single experiment, enhancing reproducibility. The slow centrifugation speeds employed in WPSC were carefully chosen to facilitate the gentle detachment of cells. The hypothesis is that cell detachment occurs not solely due to centrifugal force but also because of the medium pulling cells along as it is centrifuged into the catching plate. This method ensures that the cells remain viable and minimizes stress during the collection process.

A significant challenge in WPSC is the dissociation of  $\text{MA}_{\text{in}}$  cells from the  $\text{hMSC}$  monolayer. WPSC utilizes two distinct techniques to achieve this: repeated treatment with the gentle digestive enzyme Accutase followed by magnetic-activated cell sorting ( $\text{MACS}$ ), and strong pipetting ( $\text{Wash}$ ) to physically detach the cells. These techniques did not affect the protocol for detaching  $\text{nMA}_{\text{in}}$  cells, ensuring a consistent ratio of  $\text{MA}_{\text{in}}$  to  $\text{nMA}_{\text{in}}$  across all experiments. Although  $\text{MACS}$  is effective, it is costly, time-consuming, and can introduce biases due to antibody selection and the requirement for cold treatment, often reducing overall cell yield. In contrast,  $\text{Wash}$  proved more advantageous due to the robust nature of primary  $\text{hMSC}$  monolayers and avoided the need for dissociation, thereby maintaining higher cell yields essential for downstream applications.

Overall, WPSC provides a versatile and effective solution for isolating  $\text{hMSC}$ -interacting myeloma cells. It successfully balances the need for precision with the ability to handle larger cell quantities, making it a valuable tool for studying cellular interactions and advancing our understanding of multiple myeloma progression.

## Summary of Improvements:

- **Clarified the purpose and context:** The paragraph clearly introduces WPSC and its significance.
- **Detailed key advantages:** Explained how WPSC reduces variability and why this is important.
- **Emphasized practical benefits:** Highlighted the efficiency and scalability of the 96-well plate format.
- **Explained centrifugation rationale:** Provided a clear explanation of the role of centrifugation speed in cell detachment.
- **Compared dissociation techniques:** Offered a concise comparison of Accutase and strong pipetting, focusing on the benefits and drawbacks of each method.
- **Reinforced conclusion:** Summarized the effectiveness and versatility of WPSC, emphasizing its contribution to cell isolation and research.

This revised paragraph provides a clear, detailed, and coherent explanation of the challenges and innovations associated with WPSC, making it accessible and informative for the reader.



Alright! Now I want a bold starter for the concluding paragraph of this Section of the whole discussion, because then readers think that this paragraph belongs to the last subsection starting with bold text. I don't want to call it concluding remarks, or conclusion, since that might confuse readers from the main and intermediary conclusion. DO you have a suggestion?

**Concluding Remarks:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that could represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offered valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions that focus on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.



## Suggested Bold Starter for the Concluding Paragraph

**Final Insights on Methodological Advancements:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.

### Explanation:

- **"Final Insights on Methodological Advancements"** is a strong and clear phrase that signals to the reader that the paragraph will summarize the key takeaways and implications of the methodologies discussed.
- It avoids the term "conclusion" to prevent confusion with other sections, maintaining a focus on the significance of the methodological contributions rather than signaling an end to the discussion.

This phrase effectively captures the essence of the paragraph, providing a smooth transition that ties the section together while emphasizing the importance of the work.



This seems too specific. I want to employ this as a practice throughout my thesis, not having to specialise the heading for every concluding paragraph



## Suggested Bold Starter for Concluding Paragraphs

**Key Takeaways:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.

### Explanation:

- **"Key Takeaways"** is a versatile and concise phrase that can be used consistently across different sections of your thesis.
- It effectively communicates that the paragraph will summarize the most important points and findings without the need for a specialized or detailed introduction each time.
- This phrase provides a clear indication to the reader that the following content will distill the core messages and implications of the preceding discussion, making it a useful practice for creating concluding paragraphs throughout your thesis.



Do you have other suggestions?



## Alternative Bold Starters for Concluding Paragraphs

1. **Key Reflections:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
2. **Essential Insights:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
3. **Important Highlights:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM

detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.

4. **Core Takeaways:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
5. **Main Insights:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
6. **Principal Findings:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
7. **Summary of Key Points:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
8. **Significant Conclusions:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
9. **Overall Insights:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.
10. **Key Points of Interest:** Ultimately, this work established two methodologies that represent a significant advancement in the field of adhesion assays, providing cost-effective, precise, reliable, and reproducible techniques for both isolating and quantifying subpopulations within co-cultures of directly interacting cell types. They offer valuable insights into the mechanisms of MM detachment and are potentially applicable to other research questions focusing on multicellular interactions and complex growth scenarios.

## Summary

Each of these alternatives provides a strong, general introduction to a concluding paragraph without needing to be tailored to specific sections, making them versatile for consistent use throughout your thesis.

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