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# Measuring mitophagy via FACS with mtKeima reporter

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Preparation of samples for measuring mitophagy levels using mtKeima reporter by fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS).

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## Day 1

1 Seed cells in a 24 well plate, aiming for a confluency of ~80-90% at the time of treatment. Seed additional wells of cells not expressing any fluorescent proteins, cells expressing only mtKeima, and cells expressing only YFP-Parkin (to be used as gating controls).

## Day 2

2h 3m

Feed all cells with standard growth media for 01:00:00 prior to treatment.

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- Replace media in each well with media containing the drug you are treating with.

  NOTE: Do not change the media or treat the additional wells of cells to be used for gating control.
- 4 0.5 mL of fresh growth media.

1h

- 5 At the conclusion of the treatment time point, harvest the cells using the following procedure:
- **5.1** Aspirate media from all wells.

- 5.2 Wash all wells once with Δ 500 μL of \$\mathbb{E}\$ Room temperature PBS.
- 5.3 Add Δ 150 μL of trypsin to each well, and incubate cells at \$\mathbb{8}\$ 37 °C for \$\mathbb{O}\$ 00:01:30
- Place plates onto ice, and harvest each sample into a separate microfuge tube on ice by resuspending each sample with  $\bot$  500  $\mu$ L of ice cold standard growth media.
- 6 Centrifuge all samples at 1000 rcf for 00:01:30 at 4 °C
- 7 Carefully aspirate the supernatant from all samples.
- Resuspend each sample in  $\Delta$  50  $\mu$ L of FACS sorting media (10% v/v FBS, 1 mM EDTA in PBS) and place into FACS analysis tubes. Keep samples on ice until immediately prior to analysis.