The ibidi product family is comprised of a variety of µ–Slides and µ–Dishes, which have all been designed for high–end microscopic analysis of fixed or living cells.

The glass bottom versions of the µ–Slides and µ–Dishes are especially designed for TIRF and single molecule applications. The µ–Slide 8 well is an array of 8 square fields where cells can be cultivated and, subsequently, investigated with microscopical methods. It is intended for the optimization of experimental parameters like antibody dilution, seeding density, or the most effective drug concentration.

Material

The glass bottom version of the µ–Slides are made of a standard µ–Slide but with a glass coverslip bottom. It is not possible to detach the bottom. The µ–Slides are not autoclavable since they are temperature stable only up to 80°C / 175°F.

Optical Properties ibidi glass bottom	
Refractive index n_D	1.523
Abbe number	55
Thickness	No. 1.5H (selected quality 170 µm, ± 5 µm)
Material	Schott borosilicate glass, D 263M

Geometry

The µ–Slide 8 well provides standard slide format according to ISO 8037/1.

Geometry of µ–Slide 8 well glass bottom	
Number of wells	8
Dimensions of wells (w × l × h) in mm	9.4 × 10.7 × 6.8
Growth area per well	1.0 cm^2
Coating area per well	2.2 cm^2
Recommended filling volume per well	300 µl
Total height with lid	8 mm
Bottom matches coverslip	No. 1.5

Surface and coating

The µ–Slide 8 well glass bottom is manufactured with an uncoated glass coverslip. Washing steps (e.g. with PBS) before cell seeding can remove glass dust which is advantageous for direct cell growth on the surface.

Protein coatings increase direct cell growth of adherent cells. Specific coatings on glass are possible following this protocol:

- Prepare your coating solution according to the manufacturer's specifications or reference. Prepare your µ–Slide. Adjust the concentration to a coating area of 2.2 cm^2 and 300 µl.
- Apply 300 µl into the growth area. Make sure that the entire bottom is covered with liquid easily tilting or shaking the µ–Slide. Put on the lid and leave at room temperature for at least 30 minutes.
- Aspirate the solution and wash with the recommended protein dilution buffer. Optionally, let dry at room temperature. Attention, some coating proteins might degenerate when drying!

Seeding cells

- Trypsinize and count cells as usual. Dilute the cell suspension to the desired concentration. Depending on your cell type, application of a 5-11 × 10^4 cells/ml suspension should result in a confluent layer within 2–3 days.
- Apply 300 µl cell suspension into each well of the µ–Slide. Avoid shaking as this will result in inhomogeneous distribution of the cells.
- Cover the slide with the supplied lid. Incubate at 37°C and 5 % CO_2 as usual.

Undemanding cells can be left in their seeding medium for up to three days and grow to confluence there. However, best results might be achieved when the medium is changed every 1–2 days. Carefully aspirate the old medium and replace it by 300 µl/well fresh medium.

Tip:

As you may know from 96 well plates, the bent meniscus at the air–liquid interphase in small open wells destroys the phase contrast effect of your microscope image. To avoid this problem, we recommend using our channel Slides such as the µ–Slides I Luer and µ–Slide VI $^{0.4}$ or a Ph+ Slide.

Solvents for Fixation and Staining

Cells can be observed live or fixed directly in the µ–Slide preferably on an inverted microscope. The slide material is compatible to acids, alkalis, PFA, and silicone oil. Alcohols may be used for short term incubation (e.g. cell fixation). Acetone is not compatible. Further specifications can be found at www.ibidi.com.

For optimal results in fluorescence microscopy and storage of stained probes ibidi provides a mounting medium (50001) optimized for µ–Dishes and µ–Slides.

Immersion Oil

When using oil immersion objectives, use only the immersion oils specified in the table. The use of a non–recommended oil could lead to the damage of the plastic material and the objective.

Company	Product	Ordering Number
ibidi	Immersion Oil	(ibidi) 50101
Zeiss	Immersol 518 F	(Zeiss) 444960
Zeiss	Immersol W 2010	(Zeiss) 444969
Leica	Immersion liquid	(Leica) 11513859

µ-Slide 8 well family

The µ–Slide 8 well family is available with different surfaces. See table below for choosing your µ–Slide 8 well.

Ordering Number	Treatment or Coating	Characteristics
80826	ibiTreat, sterile	hydrophilic, tissue culture treated
80822	Collagen IV, sterile	protein coating
80823	Fibronectin, sterile*	protein coating
80824	Poly-L-Lysine, sterile	biopolymer coating
80825	Poly-D-Lysine, sterile*	biopolymer coating
80821	uncoated, sterile	hydrophobic
80827	glass bottom	glass coverslip No. 1.5H (170 µm ±5 µm)

* available on request only

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