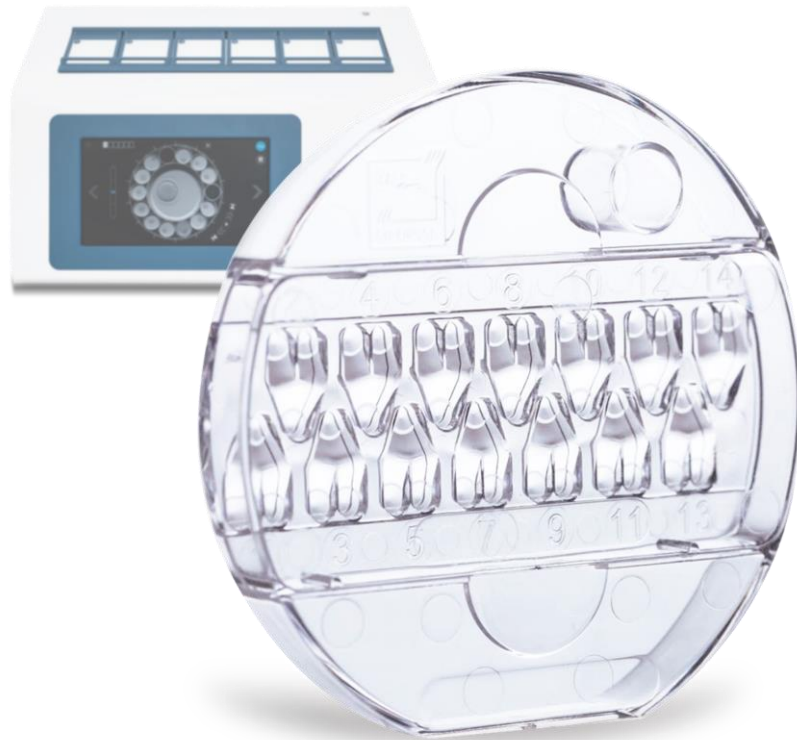




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- Use at least four inches of tightly packed, industrial-approved, shock-absorbent material all around the instrument

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1 How to use this manual

The manual is intended to be read from start to finish.

2 Safety warning

- Anyone working with, on or around this equipment should read this manual. Failure to read, understand, and follow the instructions given in this documentation may result in damage to the unit, injury to operating personnel, and/or poor equipment performance.
- Any internal adjustment, modification or maintenance to this equipment must be undertaken by qualified service personnel.
- If the equipment must be relocated, make sure it is appropriately fixed on a support stand or base, and move on a flat surface. When necessary, move the equipment and the support stand/base separately.
- The use of any hazardous materials in this equipment must be monitored by an industrial hygienist, safety officer or other suitably qualified individuals.
- Before you proceed, you should thoroughly understand the installation procedures and take note of the environmental/electrical requirements.
- In this manual, important safety-related points will be marked with the following symbols:



NOTE

It is used to direct attention to a specific item.



WARNING

Use caution.

- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by this manual, the protection provided by this equipment may be impaired.

3 Indication for use

Preparing, storing and transferring human embryos. To be used only with the MIRI® TL device.

4 About the product

The Esco Medical CultureCoin® is a sterile, single-use culture vessel specifically developed for use in IVF. The dish holds up to 14 embryos in the centrally placed line of culture wells. The culture well features a 300µ, optically clear area where the embryo is situated. The area is optimized for microscopy. A clear circle is present around the culture area for the purpose of making it easy for an automatic focus algorithm to find the area under microscopic image

acquisition. The culture wells are numbered (1 – 14) for easy location of each well by the user. Each culture well has two washing wells for cell manipulations, washing media or replacement media.

The lid is mounted inside the circumference of the dish covering the culture area completely – the user will only grab the dish during handling and not risk losing the dish by holding on to the lid only – as can be the case on all traditionally designed dishes. A large well is provided outside the culture area for pH measuring without affecting the cultured samples. The dish has a flat bottom, so it is ideal for heat transfer from below.

5 Safety symbols and labels

There are several user labels on the surfaces of the CultureCoin® to guide the user. User labels are shown below.

Table 5.1 Labels

Description	Image
<p>Packaging box and bag label:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Model. 2. Ref No. 3. Lot No. 4. Use – by date. 5. Manufacturer’s address and country of origin. 6. CE mark. 7. Consult instruction for use. 8. Prescription only. 9. WEEE wheeled bin. 10. Single use. 11. Do not re-use. 12. Keep dry. 13. Keep away from direct sunlight. 14. Temperature limitation. 15. Do not use if the package is damaged. 16. The method of sterilization. 	

6 Important safety instructions and warnings

6.1 Pre-use

1. Do not use the product if the package is damaged. Contact Esco Medical or the local representative.
2. Read the user manual thoroughly before use.
3. Always keep these instructions at hand.

6.2 During use

1. Use only for the purpose listed under intended use.
2. The dishes are single-use only. Please do not attempt to clean and reuse them.
3. Only for the use of water-based culture media and mineral oil.
4. Do not use this product at temperatures exceeding 40 °C.

6.3 Post use

1. Discard the dishes according to the proper procedures.

7 The Culture mode

The CultureCoin® can be used only for culturing with culture media filled into the wells and oil overlay. They cannot be used for open culture.

8 Overview

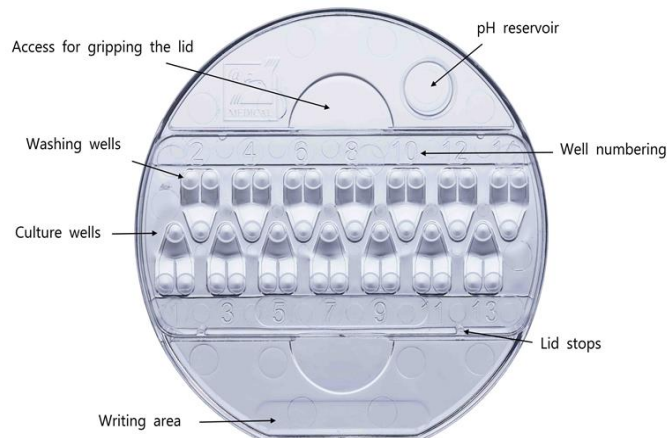


Figure 8.1 CultureCoin®

9 Use

1. Unpack both the lid and dish in an aseptic environment.
2. Leave the dishes with the lids on for off-gassing in the aseptic environment for 12 hours.
3. Warm the dishes on a heated stage or an incubator before filling them with media.
4. Fill all the wells with the app. 25 µl of precultured equilibrated culture media in an aseptic environment. Filling of the washing wells is optional. They can contain approximately 23 µl each.
5. Check under a microscope for any visible air bubbles and remove them with a strip-per tip.

6. Fill the oil area with a confluent layer of suitable mineral or paraffin oil to cover the culture media. Do not overfill.
7. Put the lid on the dish and leave it for 4 hours of equilibration in the CO₂ incubator.
8. Check for air bubbles in the culture wells after the equilibration. Remove any bubbles with a stripper tip.
9. Load the embryos in the wells. Make sure the embryos are located very precisely in the center of the culturing well and not on the side slope.
10. Optionally fill the pH reservoir and insert the silicone plug.
11. Incubate the CultureCoin® in the MIRI® TL.

10 The use illustrated

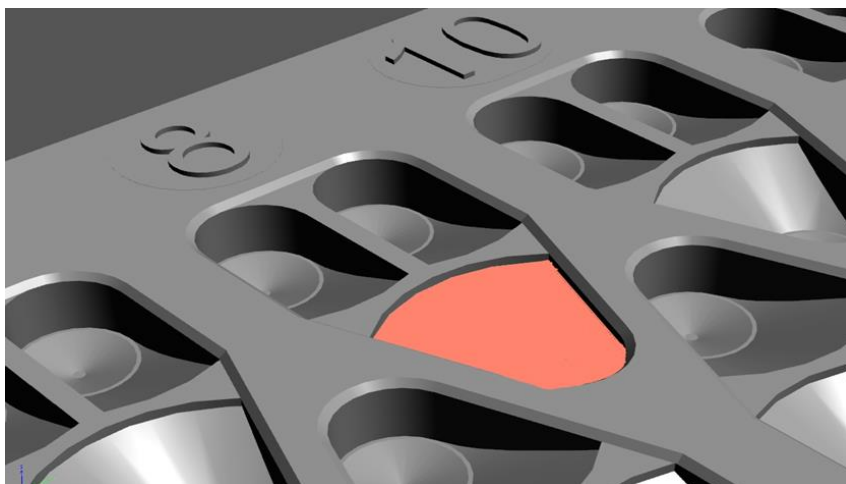


Figure 10.1 The wells

Each of the 14 wells is filled with approximately 25 µl culture medium. The washing wells can also be filled, but it is not a requirement. The embryo is placed at the bottom of the culturing area.

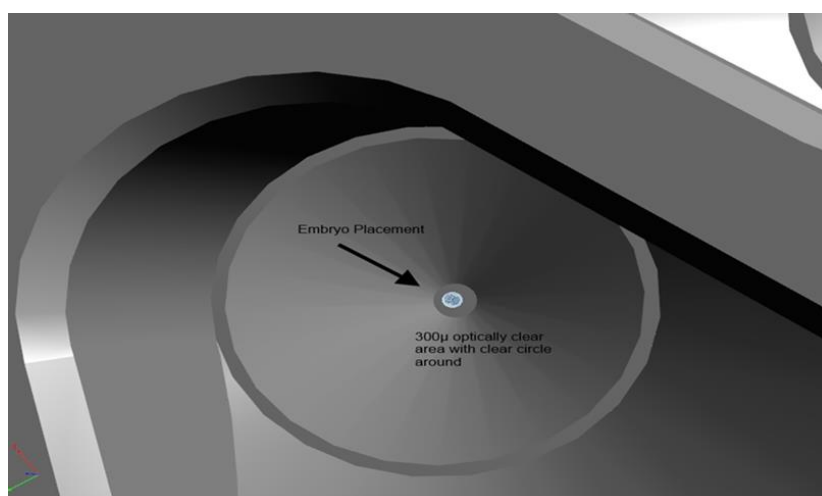


Figure 10.2 Embryo Placement in detail on the 300µ optically clear area

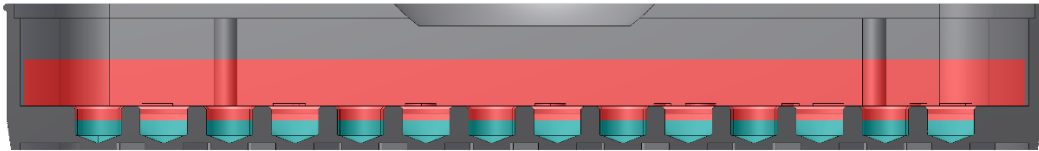


Figure 10.3 The culture wells are covered with a mineral oil layer and the lid is put on

11 pH measuring

Validating the pH of the culture media should be a standard procedure. The CultureCoin® is equipped with a reservoir that is located outside the culturing area. It makes it possible to safely and conveniently make spot checks on the pH level.

Remove the silicone plug and measure with a calibrated pH probe in the reservoir. Adjust the CO₂ level if necessary.

When choosing an electrode (probe), it is necessary to consider the probe's size, as measurements will be made on either a 4-well dish or a droplet.

12 Writing area on the CultureCoin® and lid



Figure 12.1 Always mark both the lid and the dish

13 User troubleshooting

Table 13.1 Heating system

Symptom	Cause	Action
Embryos drift to the side of the well.	The placement of the embryo is not done with enough accuracy.	Practice correct placement.
Air bubbles appear during culturing.	Temperature differences during loading or incorrect procedure for bubble removal.	Avoid temperature differences and follow the correct procedure. Practice proper bubble removal.
Oil overflows during handling of the dish.	Too much oil in the reservoir.	Decrease the oil volume.

14 Specifications

Table 14.1 CultureCoin® specifications

Technical specifications	CultureCoin®
Overall dimensions (Diameter x Height)	Ø 71 x 10 mm
Weight empty	0.5 gram
Material	Styrolution PS 158 N
Temperature range	25 - 40 °C
CO ₂ range	1.9 - 10.0%
O ₂ range	4.9 - 20.0%
Sterilization method	Gamma beam
Lifetime	1 year
Toxicity tested	Embryotoxicity tested with thawed 1 cell mouse embryos. Expanded Blastocyst rate after 96 hours > 80 % (n=150), 0.6 bar (8.70 PSI)