

DiluCell™ - User Manual

Thank you very much for your decision to use DiluCell™ in your laboratory.

DiluCell™ is especially designed for the usage with the OD600 DiluPhotometer™ for analysis of samples at a wavelength range of 340 nm to 950 nm. Due to the reduced pathlength DiluCell™ provides a virtual dilution without the need of a physical dilution of higher concentrated samples. Dilution is mainly necessary to remain within the dynamic range of the OD600 DiluPhotometer™, which should be 0.1 Abs to 1.0 Abs.

The two different available versions **DiluCell™ 10** and **DiluCell™ 20** allow an automatic 1/10 and 1/20 dilution of the sample. The required sample volume is 200 µl or 100 µl, respectively. The following scheme explains the functionality of the DiluCell™ technology:

Lambert-Beer-Law:

$$Abs = \log \frac{I_0}{I} = \varepsilon \times c \times d$$

Abs = measured absorbance value on your instrument screen

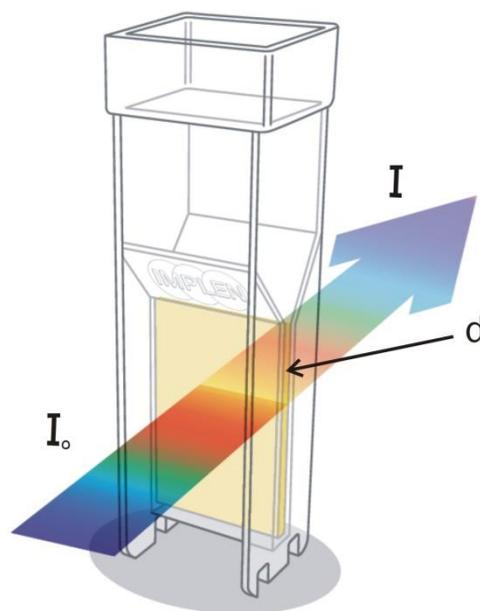
I_0 = incoming light

I = outgoing light

ε = extinction coefficient

c = concentration

d = pathlength (1 cm)



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Virtual Dilution Factors of the DiluCell™

DiluCell™ 10 => $d = 1 \text{ mm}$

DiluCell™ 20 => $d = 0.5 \text{ mm}$

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Operation Instructions:

- Ensure the correct positioning of the DiluCell™ in your OD600 DiluPhotometer™. Make sure that the **wide** window faces the lightbeam.
Important Notes: DiluCell™ will not work in any other orientation; do not mix other cuvette types within a DiluCell™ measurement series (for blank, etc.)

- DiluCell™ is very easy to fill, the geometrical setup supports air bubble free sample application. It is recommended however that you check for air bubbles before the measurement. In case of an air bubble in the cell please remove it by gently tapping the cell.

Volume requirements are: 200 µl for DiluCell™ 10
 100 µl for DiluCell™ 20

- Remember to multiply the reading from your sample after the measurement with the proper virtual dilution factor:

Virtual dilution factor are: 10 for DiluCell™ 10
 20 for DiluCell™ 20

- It is not recommended to reuse DiluCell™ due to:
 - high probability of cross contamination
 - high probability of air bubbles when refilling the cell
 - decontamination not easily possible (for cell culture measurements, e.g.)

Specifications:

Material: PMMA
Wavelength Range: 340 nm - 950 nm
Volume Requirement: 200 µl or 100 µl (DC 10 or DC 20)
Pathlength: 1 mm and 0.5 mm (DC 10 and DC 20) at 15 mm center height
Tolerance: +/- 10% (DC 10), +/- 10% (DC 20)
Ordering Information: **DC 10:** DiluCell™ 10, pack with 96 cells
 DC 20: DiluCell™ 20, pack with 96 cells

Limitations:

Do not autoclave DiluCell™.

The DiluCell™ is approved only for the usage with the OD600 DiluPhotometer™.

For solvent compatibility please contact your local Implen partner or the Implen Team at www.implen.de.