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Table 1. Overview of the most relevant patents, found on Espacenet based on either the company name, the technology name or one of the inventors (founders). (\*): This is a platform, not a company.

Title	Publication nr	Publication date	Associated company
Microfluidic method for single cell analysis	WO2019202135A1	2019-10-24	HiFiBiO Therapeutics
Method for analyzing and selecting a specific	WO2018134323A1	2018-07-26	HiFiBiO Therapeutics
droplet among a plurality of droplets and			
associated apparatus			
Particle sorting in a microfluidic system	WO2019057794A1	2019-03-28	HiFiBiO Therapeutics
Microfluidic droplet detection and sorting	WO2016174229A1	2016-11-03	Velabs Therapeutics
Methods for nano-scale single cell analysis	EP2805769A1	2014-11-26	Velabs Therapeutics
Droplet-based selection	WO2009011808A1	2009-01-22	Velabs Therapeutics
Microfluidic sorting device	WO2016151107A1	2016-09-29	Velabs Therapeutics
Microfluidic sorting devices and methods	WO2018054975A1	2018-03-29	Velabs Therapeutics
Microfluidic device	WO2013037962A3	2013-05-30	Velabs Therapeutics
Microfluidic devices and systems	WO2015015199A2	2015-02-05	Sphere Fluidics
Systems and methods	WO2016193758A1	2016-12-08	Sphere Fluidics
Microfluidic structures	WO2017046565A1	2017-03-23	Sphere Fluidics
Emulsion	WO2015015198A3	2015-06-11	Sphere Fluidics
Droplet dispensing systems	W02018234821A3	2020-04-22	Sphere Fluidics
Droplet sorting	WO2016024095A1	2016-02-18	Sphere Fluidics
Droplet processing methods and systems	WO2020030903A1	2020-02-13	Sphere Fluidics
Method of screening a plurality of single secreting	WO2013090404A2	2013-06-20	Single Cell Technology
cells for functional activity	<u> </u>	2013 00 20	Single cell reciliology
Method of screening single cells for the	WO2009123762A3	2009-12-30	Single Cell Technology
production of biologically active agents			omgre con recimency,
Method of obtaining antibodies of interest and	WO2009123748A1	2009-10-08	Single Cell Technology
nucleotides encoding same			omgre con recimency,
Methods for determining lymphocyte receptor	WO2015176162A1	2015-11-26	AbCellera
chain pairs			1 10 0 0 11 0 1
Microfluidic devices and methods for use thereof	WO2014153651A1	2014-10-02	AbCellera
in multicellular assays of secretion			
System and method for microfluidic cell culture	US2020325431A1	2020-10-15	AbCellera
Methods for assaying cellular binding interactions	US2012015347A1	2012-01-19	AbCellera
Microfluidic cell trap and assay apparatus for	WO2012162779A1	2012-12-06	AbCellera
high-throughput analysis			1 1 2 2 3 1 3 1 3 1
Microfluidic sieve valve	WO2006060748A2	2006-06-08	AbCellera
Methods and systems for screening using	WO2018111765A1	2018-06-21	xCella Biosciences Inc.
microcapillary arrays			
Lateral loading of microcapillary arrays	WO2020118106A1	2020-06-11	xCella Biosciences Inc.
Multi-stage sample recovery system	WO2018125832A1	2018-07-05	xCella Biosciences Inc.
High-throughput absorbance measurements of	WO2018191180A1	2018-10-18	xCella Biosciences Inc.
samples in microcapillary arrays			
Direct clone analysis and selection technology	WO2012007537A1	2012-01-19	DiCAST (*)
Microsieve diagnostic device in the isolation and	US2017189907A1	2017-07-06	VyCAP
analysis of single cells			,
Diagnostic device with a filtration membrane for	NL1039638C2	2013-12-04	VyCAP
on spot microscopic diagnostic analysis and			
methods			
A microsieve diagnostic device in the isolation	WO2013180567A3	2014-04-10	VyCAP
and analysis of single cells			
Micro well plate to distribute single cells in single	NL1040089C2	2014-09-15	VyCAP
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wells, and methods to use such plate			
Light sequencing and patterns for	US2017354969A1	2017-12-14	Berkeley Lights
dielectrophoretic transport			, 3
Exporting a selected group of micro-objects from	WO2015061462A9	2015-07-23	Berkeley Lights
a micro-fluidic device			, 3
Systems for operating electrokinetic devices	WO2016094507A9	2016-08-11	Berkeley Lights
Automated identification of assay areas in a	WO2016094522A1	2016-06-16	Berkeley Lights
microfluidic device and detection of assay			
positive areas based on rate of change of image			
light intensity			
Automated detection and repositioning of micro-	WO2016094459A3	2016-08-18	Berkeley Lights
objects in microfluidic devices			, -
Circuit based optoelectronic tweezers	WO2014074367A1	2014-05-15	Berkeley Lights
Capturing specific nucleic acid materials from	WO2015095623A1	2015-06-25	Berkeley Lights
individual biological cells in a micro-fluidic device			, -
Methods for assaying binding affinity	WO2020056339A1	2020-03-19	Berkeley Lights
Detecting cells secreting a protein of interest	WO2014070783A1	2014-05-08	Berkeley Lights
Pens for biological micro-objects	WO2014070873A1	2014-05-08	Berkeley Lights
Microfluidic devices having isolation pens and	WO2015061497A1	2015-04-30	Berkeley Lights
methods of testing biological micro-objects with			, 0
same			
Actuated microfluidic structures for directed flow	WO2016094333A1	2016-06-16	Berkeley Lights
in a microfluidic device and methods of use			, ,
thereof			
Micro-Fluidic Devices for Assaying Biological	WO2015061506A8	2015-06-18	Berkeley Lights
Activity			, -
Movement and selection of micro-objects in a	WO2016094715A3	2016-08-04	Berkeley Lights
microfluidic apparatus			
General functional assay	WO2019133874A1	2019-07-04	Berkeley Lights
Outputting a droplet of liquid medium from a	WO2013181288A8	2015-01-15	Berkeley Lights
device for processing micro-objects in the			
medium			
Automated detection and characterization of	WO2019232473A3	2020-01-16	Berkeley Lights
micro-objects in microfluidic devices			
Microfluidic reporter cell assay methods and kits	US2021069698A1	2021-03-11	Berkeley Lights
thereof			
Methods, systems and kits for in-pen assays	WO2017181135A3	2019-01-03	Berkeley Lights
Automated detection and repositioning of micro-	WO2018102748A1	2018-06-07	Berkeley Lights
objects in microfluidic devices			
Methods for screening B cell lymphocytes	WO2018076024A8	2018-07-26	Berkeley Lights
Apparatuses, systems and methods for imaging	WO2018102747A1	2018-06-07	Berkeley Lights
micro-object			
Microfluidic devices and kits and methods for use	WO2017100347A1	2017-06-15	Berkeley Lights
thereof			
DNA barcode compositions and methods of in situ	WO2018064640A9	2018-05-31	Berkeley Lights
identification in a microfluidic device			
Single-sided light-actuated microfluidic device	WO2016090295A1	2016-06-09	Berkeley Lights
with integrated mesh ground			
Methods for assaying biological cells in a	WO2020092975A2	2020-05-07	Berkeley Lights
microfluidic device			