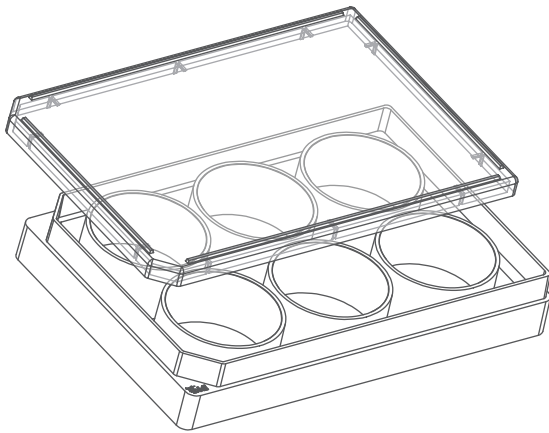


**μ-Plate 6 Well**  
Instruction Manual



The ibidi labware is comprised of a variety of μ-Slides, μ-Dishes, and μ-Plates, which have all been designed for high-end microscopic analysis of fixed or living cells. The high optical quality of the ibidi Polymer Coverslip is similar to that of glass, enabling a variety of microscopy techniques with uncompromised resolution and choice of wavelength.

The μ-Plate 6 Well allows you to perform high-resolution microscopy in a standard multiwell format. This imaging plate is made of black polymer material, resulting in less well-to-well crosstalk in fluorescence microscopy.

This document applies to the following products:

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 80636 | <b>μ-Plate 6 Well ibiTreat</b> |
| 80631 | <b>μ-Plate 6 Well Uncoated</b> |

**Material**

The μ-Plate 6 Well is made of a polymer that has the highest optical quality. The ibidi Polymer Coverslip bottom exhibits extremely low birefringence and autofluorescence, similar to that of glass. It is not possible to detach the bottom from the upper part. The plate is intended for one-time use and is not autoclavable, since it is only temperature-stable up to 80°C/175°F. Please note that gas exchange between the medium and the incubator's atmosphere occurs partially through the polymer coverslip, which should not be covered.

**Optical Properties of Polymer Coverslip**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Refractive index (589 nm) | 1.52             |
| Abbe number               | 56               |
| Thickness                 | No. 1.5 (180 μm) |
| Material                  | Polymer          |



**WARNING** – The ibidi Polymer Coverslip is compatible with certain types of immersion oil only. A list of suitable oils can be found in the Section “Immersion Oil”.

**Shipping and Storage**

This product is sterilized and sealed in a gas-permeable packaging. The shelf life under proper storage conditions (in a dry place, no direct sunlight) is outlined in the following table.

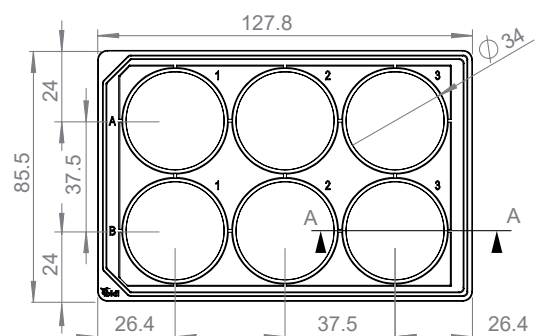
| Conditions          |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Shipping conditions | Ambient       |
| Storage conditions  | RT (15–25 °C) |

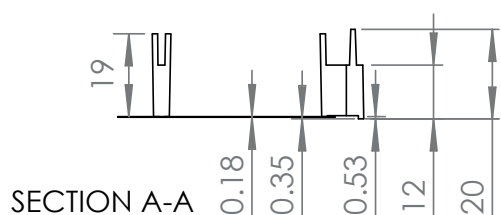
  

| Shelf Life         |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| ibiTreat, Uncoated | 36 months |

**Geometry**

The μ-Plate 6 Well provides standard geometry and numbering (A–B, 1–3).





The μ-Plate 6 Well meets all important values of the ANSI/SLAS (SBS) Standards (1-2004, 2-2004, 3-2004 and 4-2004).

| Specifications (mm)   |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Length                | 127.8 ± 0.2 |
| Width                 | 85.5 ± 0.2  |
| Height with lid       | 22.4 ± 0.4  |
| Height without lid    | 20.0 ± 0.4  |
| Well to well distance | 37.5 ± 0.2  |
| Focal offset          | 0.53 ± 0.1  |
| Well clearance        | 0.35 ± 0.1  |

| Single Well Dimensions |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Single well diameter   | 34.0 ± 0.2 mm        |
| Single well depth      | 19.0 ± 0.2 mm        |
| Volume                 | 5 ml                 |
| Growth area            | 9.1 cm <sup>2</sup>  |
| Coating area           | 14.9 cm <sup>2</sup> |

## Surface

The μ-Plate 6 Well is available with either an ibi-Treat or an Uncoated surface.

The tissue culture-treated, hydrophilic ibiTreat surface of the ibidi Polymer Coverslip is ideal for culturing adherent cells. It ensures excellent cell adhesion without the necessity for any additional coatings. Nonetheless, extracellular matrix (ECM) protein coatings can be applied to the ibiTreat surface without any restrictions, if required.

The hydrophobic Uncoated surface of the ibidi Polymer Coverslip offers weak cell adhesion unless pre-coated with an ECM protein. You can apply coatings to the Uncoated surface without any restrictions. This surface is suitable for culturing adherent cells that require a specific coating.

For establishing a particular coating, we advise testing your procedure on both ibiTreat and Uncoated surfaces, as proteins and biomolecules may adhere differently to hydrophilic or hydrophobic surfaces.

## Coating

Detailed information about coatings is provided in [Application Note 08: Coating Protocols for ibidi Labware](#).

In short, specific coatings are possible following this protocol:

1. Prepare your coating solution according to the manufacturer's specifications. Adjust the concentration to a coating area of 14.9 cm<sup>2</sup> and a volume of 5 ml per well.
2. Apply 5 ml per well and leave it at room temperature for at least 30 minutes.
3. Aspirate the solution and wash with the recommended protein dilution buffer.
4. The coated plate is ready to be used. Be aware that allowing the coated surface to dry out is not recommended, as some coating proteins may degrade upon drying.

## Seeding Cells

1. Trypsinize and count the cells as usual. Dilute the cell suspension to the desired concentration. Depending on your cell type, application of a 2.0–5.5 × 10<sup>4</sup> cells/ml suspension should result in a confluent layer within 2–3 days.
2. Apply 5 ml cell suspension per well. Avoid shaking, as this will result in inhomogeneous cell distribution.
3. Cover the plate with the supplied lid. Incubate as usual (e.g., at 37 °C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>).

Insensitive cells can be left in their seeding medium for several days and grow to confluence there. However, optimal results might be achieved when the medium is changed every 2–3 days. For this, carefully aspirate the old medium and replace it by 5 ml fresh medium per well.



**TIP** – You can stack the μ-Plates to save space in your incubator. This will not affect cell growth. Due to stability reasons, we recommend making batches with not more than 6 plates.

## Microscopy

To image your cells, no special preparations are necessary. Living or fixed cells can be directly observed, preferably on an inverted microscope. The bottom cannot be removed. For optimal results in fluorescence microscopy and for storage of fixed and stained samples, ibidi provides mounting media that are optimized for ibidi labware:

Cat. No. 50001: [ibidi Mounting Medium](#)

Cat. No. 50011: [ibidi Mounting Medium with DAPI](#)

## Chemical Compatibility

The following table provides some basic information on the chemical and solvent compatibility of the μ-Plate 6 Well. For a full list of compatible solvents and more information on chemical compatibility, visit [ibidi.com/chemicals](https://www.ibidi.com/chemicals).

| Chemical / Solvent | Compatibility               |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Methanol           | Yes                         |
| Ethanol            | Yes                         |
| Formaldehyde       | Yes                         |
| Acetone            | Yes, without lid            |
| Mineral oil        | No                          |
| Silicone oil       | Yes                         |
| Immersion oil      | See Section “Immersion Oil” |

## Immersion Oil



**WARNING** – When using oil immersion objectives with the ibidi Polymer Coverslip, use only the immersion oils specified in the table below. The use of any non-recommended oil could damage the ibidi Polymer Coverslip. The resulting leakage may harm objectives and microscope components. All immersion oils that are not listed in the table below should be considered as non-compatible.

| Company   | Product                     | Ordering No.  | Lot Number | Test Date |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| ibidi     | ibidi Immersion Oil 2       | 50102         | 24-07-04   | 07/2024   |
| Cargille  | Type A                      | 16482         | 100592     | 01/2017   |
| Cargille  | Type HF                     | 16245         | 92192      | 01/2017   |
| Carl Roth | Immersion oil               | X899.1        | 414220338  | 01/2017   |
| Leica     | Immersion Liquid            | 11513859      | n.a.       | 03/2023   |
| Leica     | Immersion Liquid Type G     | 11513910      | n.a.       | 04/2024   |
| Nikon     | Immersion Oil F2 30cc       | MXA22192      | n.a.       | 01/2020   |
| Nikon     | Silicone Immersion Oil 30cc | MXA22179      | 20191101   | 01/2020   |
| Olympus   | Silicone Immersion Oil      | SIL300CS-30CC | N4190800   | 01/2017   |
| Zeiss     | Immersionol 518 F           | 444960-0000   | 220211     | 03/2023   |
| Zeiss     | Immersionol 518 F (30 °C)   | 444970-9010   | 220816     | 03/2023   |
| Zeiss     | Immersionol 518 F (37 °C)   | 444970-9000   | 220302     | 03/2023   |
| Zeiss     | Immersionol W 2010          | 444969-0000   | 101122     | 04/2012   |
| Zeiss     | Immersionol Sil 406         | 444971-9000   | 80730      | 03/2023   |
| Zeiss     | Immersionol G               | 462959-9901   | 211117     | 03/2023   |

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