ClonePix 2
Mammalian Colony Picker
Redefine clone screening and selection with transformative cell line development workflows
ClonePix 2 Mammalian Colony Picker

Automate antibody discovery and cell line development workflows

Increase probability of identifying high-value clones while eliminating or recovering unstable clones early

Condense the workflow into a single solution

Upgrade options: explore modifications to fit your needs

Our engineering team has successfully tailored the ClonePix® 2 Mammalian Colony Picker for customers by request—including software and hardware*.

- **ClonePix system with monoclonality assurance**—Screen more clones in less time with monoclonal verification on day zero, then screen and pick for highest produces in weeks, not months
- **ClonePix system for stem cell applications**—Identify desirable, clonal stem cell colonies for high-throughput colony screening and picking

*Price, time to deliver, and specifications will vary based on mutually agreed technical requirements. Solution requirements may cause adjustment to standard performance.


Key benefits

- Screen more clones in less time
- Accurate, automatic colony picking avoids errors associated with limiting dilution
- Excellent image quality allows for screening of stable, high-producing clones
- Increased productivity of a cell line development workflow
“The ClonePix 2 system has allowed us to completely redefine our project workflow and capacity.”
—Ben Hoffstrom, PhD, Director, Antibody Development
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Accelerate development workflows: screen more clones in less time

Cut cell line and antibody development times

Screen more clones in less time with the ClonePix system’s fully automated workflow. Our users see major improvements both in productivity and overall costs compared to conventional techniques. Now you can reduce your timelines for monoclonal antibody generation by screening 10X more clones in weeks, not months!
Select and pick with more accuracy and confidence

Cells plated into semi-solid medium

Select your colonies based on the system’s automatic analysis and ranking

- Define the final picking list from system images and statistics
- The system selects your colonies and transfers each to a well in a 96-well destination plate for growth assay and/or expansion of clonal cells
- Optimal cell growth for cell line expansion after picking is achieved using XP Media and CloneMedia

Pick and transfer

Day 0
Day 2
Day 4
Day 6

Track cell growth using CloneSelect® Imager.
Green represents software overlay applied for automatic confluence determination.

Transfer of colony to destination plates

Accurate and gentle picking
High titer clones obtained prior to process optimization (NS/O: 4-5 g/L)

Comparison of top NS/O clones from ClonePix system and limited dilution revealed almost a 2X increase in qP and titer. Subclones from same parent.

Reduce cost by finding your highest producers with fewer reagents

How many plates does it take to screen 10,000 clones?
- ClonePix: 10 plates
- Limiting dilution: 1,000 plates
Data analysis and tracking—reveal stable clones faster

Data analysis

- Automatically generate a 2D map of clones and their secretion levels from a series of images generated in situ
- Screen and select colonies based on:
  - Size, roundness, and proximity to neighbors
  - Ranking according to fluorescence levels
  - Closely placed colonies ignored via user-controlled “proximity” software setting

Data tracking

All relevant data associated with each colony (including images taken before and after picking along with their picking coordinates) are automatically saved for review and downstream analysis.
Quickly and easily identify which colonies meet your criteria

Customer breakthrough

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center uses the ClonePix 2 system to efficiently screen and isolate positive hybridoma clones.

The Challenge

The Antibody Technology Shared Resource at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center offers custom antibody development to academic and industrial research groups. Our unique multiplex screening platform incorporates a Molecular Devices ClonePix 2 system for identifying and picking monoclonal hybridoma colonies that secrete antibody to specific protein, peptide, or small molecule targets. The system has allowed us to completely redefine our project workflow and capacity.

Products Used

Automatically screen more clones in less time than conventional techniques, select cells with optimal expression levels, and pick colonies with accuracy with the ClonePix 2 system. The systems are now used in over 100 laboratories around the world to increase workflow productivity, leaving more time to better characterize target proteins and run new projects. A large number of biopharma companies have implemented ClonePix systems in their routine use, and data are cited increasingly in scientific publications and conferences.
ClonePix with monoclonality assurance

Day 0

Confident identification of single cells is provided by a high precision XY stage mechanism and z-step motor, which enable accurate alignment of images in XY and Z dimensions, respectively. Imaging over multiple planes decreases the likelihood of misidentifying objects by screening for nearby cells in three dimensions instead of two. Clones can also be visualized in greater details with over 4X increase in resolution compared with previous versions of the ClonePix systems.

Day of picking

The enhanced ClonePix system links high-value colonies with its day 0 image for automated assessment of single-cell derived clones.

Accelerate cell line development timelines by integrating multiple steps into a single step

Fusion software assigns a certainty score to each colony based on picking day, colony location, and single cell z-stack images at day 0. The threshold of determining monoclonality from the certainty score is variable based on user-defined inputs.

Key benefits

- Reduce screening time from two rounds to one by providing image-based evidence of clonality
- Rapid z-stack acquisition feature allows detection of single cells throughout the medium volume, not just a single focal plane, on day 0
- Simplified workflow from single cell identification and productivity screening with the all-in-one system
Optional high-throughput stem cell colony screening and picking

This system uses high-resolution imaging to identify desirable, clonal stem cell colonies for high-throughput colony screening and picking. Specialized picking pins allow for the gentle transfer of adherent, feeder free cells to high density plates for clonal expansion and downstream analysis.

Day 0
Plating (by hand – use 6 well plate)

Day 1–3
Feeding – incubator

Day 4–5
Analyze colonies of interest; pick colonies

ClonePix system for stem cell applications

ClonePix 2 Mammalian Colony Picker customized for stem cell picking
Automated cell imager or high-content imager
High-content imager
## System specifications

### Instrumentation

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Advance your clone screening and cell line development with proven, automated technologies

**QPix 400 Series**

Fully automate synthetic biology workflows for DNA assembly, antibody discovery and protein engineering

The QPix® 400 Series Microbial Colony Pickers combine intelligent image analysis with precise automation for fast and efficient screening of large libraries. With a variety of data tracking and assay tools, the QPix Software streamlines the control and management of complex and iterative processes.

**ClonePix Series**

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**CloneSelect Imager**

Verify monoclonality confidently

The CloneSelect Imager can help you meet regulatory demands of single cell verification with its automated analysis of cells in the white light channel. The system also enables concurrent confluence and monoclonality studies.

**CloneSelect Single-Cell Printer††**

Demonstrate monoclonality with greater confidence

The CloneSelect® Single-Cell Printer™ (SCP series) by Cytena and Molecular Devices is a fully automated system that utilizes proprietary microfluidics-based technology and real-time image analysis to sort and deposit single cells into standard microplates—while simultaneously providing assurance of monoclonality through image documentation.

††Only available in North America, China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.