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Spatially controlled diffusion range of tumor-associated angiogenic factors to develop a tumor model using a microfluidic resistive circuit

This paper reports a new microfluidic method that uses a steep concentration gradient to create a partition for simultaneously developing a vessel network and a tumor in a 3-D co-culture system. This steep concentration gradient also becomes a directional cue for tumor angiogenesis at the tumor post-development stage for developing a tumor model. This study suggests that the interactions between a developing vasculature and a growing tumor must be controlled differently at the early stage when vessels are still forming and at the later stage when the tumor needs to interact with the vessels.





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