## MICA BioSystems



ENABLING NEW APPROACHES TO TISSUE ENGINEERING AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE, DRUG DISCOVERY AND THERAPY VIA NOVEL MAGNETIC ION CHANNEL ACTIVATION

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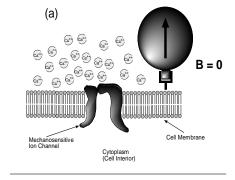
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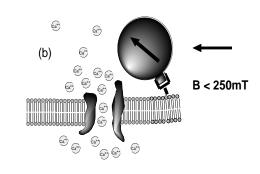
## MICA MAGNETIC FORCE BIOREACTOR



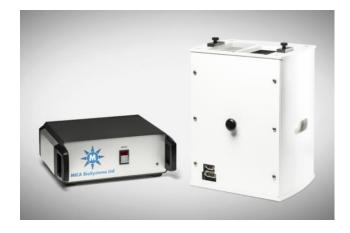
The MICA<sup>TM</sup> System allows scientists to easily incorporate remote cell activation strategies into the development of their tissue engineering and regenerative medicine applications. The technology is also an important tool for drug screening, providing a more accurate analogue of the dynamic in vivo environment



\* Through novel patented technologies cell behaviour can be remotely controlled via nanomagnetic mechanical conditioning and activation of cells *in vitro*.



- Magnetic nanoparticles are linked to specific ion-channels/receptors of the cell (a) and manipulated by external magnetic field (b).
- ✓ Aligned to standard tissue culture plastic vessels.
- ✓ Multiple sample activation
- ✓ Continuous perfusion
- ✓ Non cell type specific
- ✓ Force applied at a cellular level.
- ✓ Multiple receptor targets
- $\checkmark$  Co-culturing and activation
- ✓ Complex tissue engineering strategies
- ✓ Customisation of stress profile
- ✓ Compact



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