

Inverted Microscope for Assisted Reproduction

## IX73SC

# Olympus for ART - Life in Detail





## Optimized for a Smoother ICSI Workflow

As the demand for the use of intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) in assisted reproductive technology (ART) applications has increased, so has the burden of the microscopy work it involves. Olympus' IX73SC assisted reproduction microscope solution helps facilitate the ICSI workflow, improving the speed and efficiency of each procedure.

### Advantages of the IX73SC Solution

#### Easy Oocyte Condition Checks through Spindle Visualization

Olympus' unique observation method enables you to easily view the metaphase II (MII) spindle through the microscope oculars with the touch of a button:

- Confirm the oocyte's maturity to facilitate the timing of the ICSI stage within the in vitro maturation (IVM) process. Never take your eye off the sample with single button operation of the visualization.
- Confirm the spindle's position relative to the polar body before inserting the pipette to decrease incidences of damage to the oocyte.
- Verify the spindles of vitrified oocytes are stable after thawing. Verification contributes to improved accuracy.



Image of polar body and spindle





#### Streamlined ICSI Steps through Motorized Operation

- Switch observation methods instantaneously and adjust the magnification with the press of a button on the integrated hand switch with Olympus' unique motorized unit.
- Improve your efficiency as motorized microscope adjustments reduce the number of steps required, enabling you to concentrate on the delicate work of operating the manipulator.
- Manual focusing can be easily performed with a high degree of sensitivity in conjunction with the motorized observation and magnification.





## **Observation Methods**

#### **Relief Contrast**

- Unaffected by the polarizing effect of plastic dishes, Olympus' relief contrast enables 3D imaging of oocytes so you can check the condition of the zona pellucida.
- Correction collars on the 20X and 40X UIS2 objectives can optimize the image acquisition, based on the thickness of the bottom of the dish.





Relief contrast image in ICSI

#### Polarization

- Observe the birefringence of spindles using polarized light.
- Adhesion of granulosa cells to the zona pellicida can be confirmed Delete before the cumulus cells are even stripped.

(Application information and image are courtesy of David F. Albertini, Ph.D., Center for Human Reproduction, NY)



Oocyte with cumulus cells

## Morphological Evaluation of Sperm at High Magnification

Improve the sperm selection process:

- Smooth zooming from 1x, 1.6x, to 2x using the adjustment lever.
- Combine the zoom with the 40X objective lens to observe the morphology and internal structure of the sperm head in detail.





### Ease Lab Work with a Comfortable Design

• Adjust the oculars to the position that is most convenient and comfortable for you—the vertical setting enables you do a quick check on the oocyte and embryo while standing.





Example of an Assisted Reproduction System \*The IX73SC system includes the microscope only. Peripheral items are not provided by Olympus.

## **System Configurations**

In addition to the motorized IX73SC microscope, a manual-operation IX73SC microscope is available.

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LED light source	
ces (manual)	
Ambient temperature: 5 °C to 40 °C (41 °F to 104 °F)	
3 °F), 60% at 37	

#### DIMENSIONS

IX73SC Motorized System



IX73SC Manual System (LED Model)



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