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# **Measuring Fluorescence**



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## **1** Preparation samples

Estimated bench time: 20 minutes Estimated total time: 20 minutes Purpose: Prepare samples for fluorescence assay

#### 1.1 Materials

- 384 Black wells plate
- dH<sub>2</sub>O
- Eppendorf tubes
- Protein samples
- PCR tube

### 1.2 Setup & Protocol

- Make the desired protein concentrations and mixtures in a PCR tube.
- Load the samples in the 384 wells plate with a maximum of 90 µl of each sample. (The maximum loading volume may depend on the brand that is used, so search for the well-plate specifications beforehand.)

## 2 Measuring fluorescence

Estimated bench time: 30 minutes Estimated total time: 30 minutes Purpose: Analyses of the bioluminescence of the expressed proteins.

#### 2.1 Materials

- Prepared 384 Black wells plate with loaded samples
- Tecan Safire2 plate-reader

### 2.2 Setup & Protocol

- For the measurement of fluorescence, open the program (Excel-file) of the Tecan Safire2 plate-reader and edit the measurement parameters.
  - Select the fluorescence measurement.
  - Plate: select the plate that is used and the wells that contain the samples.
  - Excitation wavelength: select the excitation wavelength to one suitable for the fluorophore that needs to be measured.
  - Emission wavelength: it's possible to scan over a broad wavelength range and determine the emission of the fluorophore. If you want to only measure the excitation at a certain wavelength, you need to select emission wavelength instead of emission scan.
  - Nr. of reads: select 10 (default)
  - Select endpoints measurement if you only want to perform one measurement.
- Insert the plate into the Tecan Safire2 plate-reader and start the measurement.