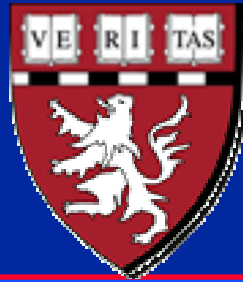




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**UNIT CELL PROCESSES  
Contraction, Migration, and Actin-Myosin  
Mechanisms Responsible for Generating Force**

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# Chondrocytes (Passage 2 Canine) in a Type I Collagen-GAG Matrix

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- Mitosis
- Migration
- Synthesis
- **Contraction**
- Endocytosis
- Exocytosis

# Chondrocytes (P2 Canine) in a Type I Collagen-GAG Matrix: Contraction

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**40 min**

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**300 min**

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**Video of cell wrinkling (contraction) of flexible substrate.**

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**Video of cell migration through a collagen gel.**

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# Guidance of cell migration by mechanical interactions.

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# Cell migration in a wound healing assay *in vitro*.

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### **Two Models for Generation of Traction Force Using Myosin II Activity**

**In the contraction model (A), myosin pulling on filaments of opposite polarity creates a cortical tension that pulls the cell equally in all directions. This contraction can be converted into movement by combining it with preferential assembly of the cortex at the front of the cell and disassembly at the back, and/or by regulating the relative strength of adhesive contacts to the substratum at the front and back. In the transport model (B), myosin activity pulls the body of the cell over an oriented track of actin filaments attached to the substratum.**

# Assembly and disassembly of actin

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**Operation of the  
actin cycle in the  
lamella of a  
crawling cell**



# Proteins mediating the connections between the plasma membrane and actin filaments and between actin filaments in motile cells

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## **Actin-Myosin Dynamics**

**Cryo-electron tomography image  
of the actin in a cell.**

**Actin (red), membrane (blue),  
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# Actin network in the peripheral lamella of a rabbit lung macrophage.

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**Muscle myosin “walking” on an actin filament.**

**<http://www.sciencemag.org/feature/data/1049155s1.mov>**

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