Other tools that we examined

Additional file 2 for "*Quantifying Differences in Cell Line Population Dynamics Using CellPD*"

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grofit: An open source tool written in R. Performs parametric and nonparametric fits on data measured with a high content screening (HCS) microscope, but also with custom data. It works well with short sampling times, but it can also estimate growth rates with longer sampling times (but it becomes inaccurate with low number of samples). This tool was not used to validate CellPD because the parametric models it uses are modifications of their canonical forms [1].

GATHODE: Estimates growth rates on data measured with a HCS microscope. This tool was not used to validate CellPD because it only reads documents created by a HCS microscope [2].

GrowthRates: Estimates growth rates on data measured with a HCS microscope, for all 96 wells at the same time. This tool was not used to validate CellPD because it offers no flexibility on the format [3].

PHANTAST: An open source image processing toolset to, among other things, estimate growth and death rates [4]. This tool was not used to validate CellPD because it can only estimate growth rates when the data start as an image.

SBaddon: extension package to the Systems Biology Toolbox for MATLAB for parameter estimation [5]. This tool was not used to validate CellPD because it is designed for subcellular (i.e., single-cell) modeling rather than population-level modeling.

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