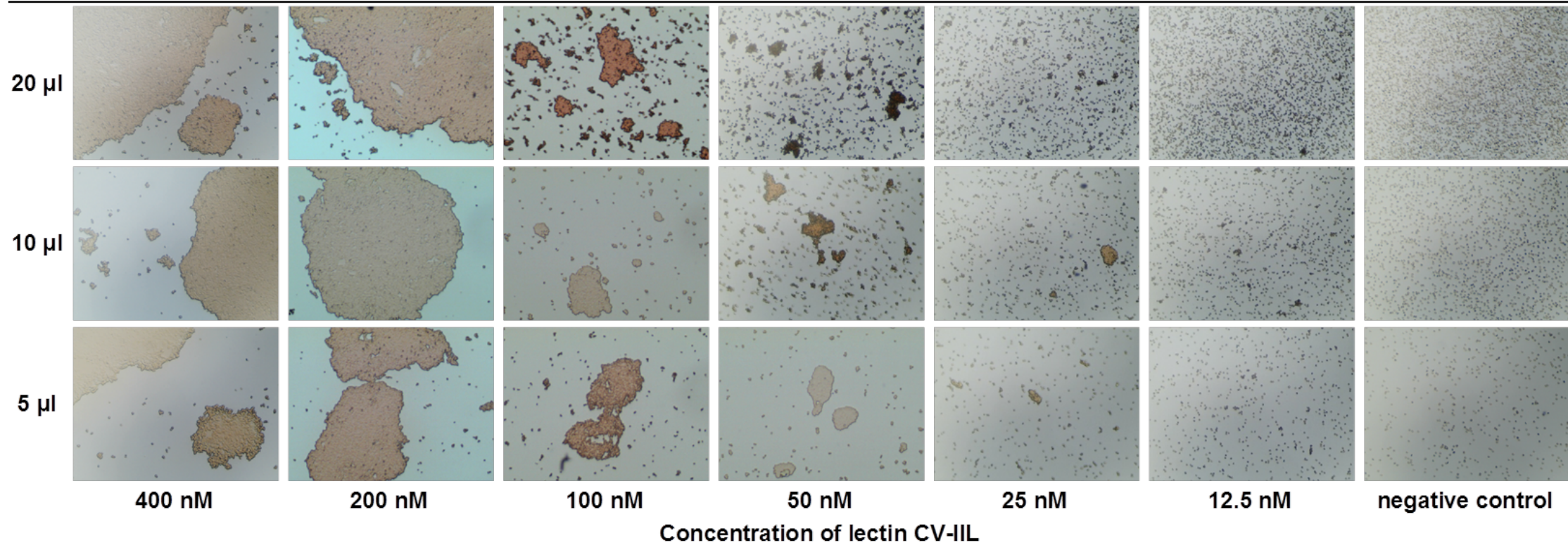
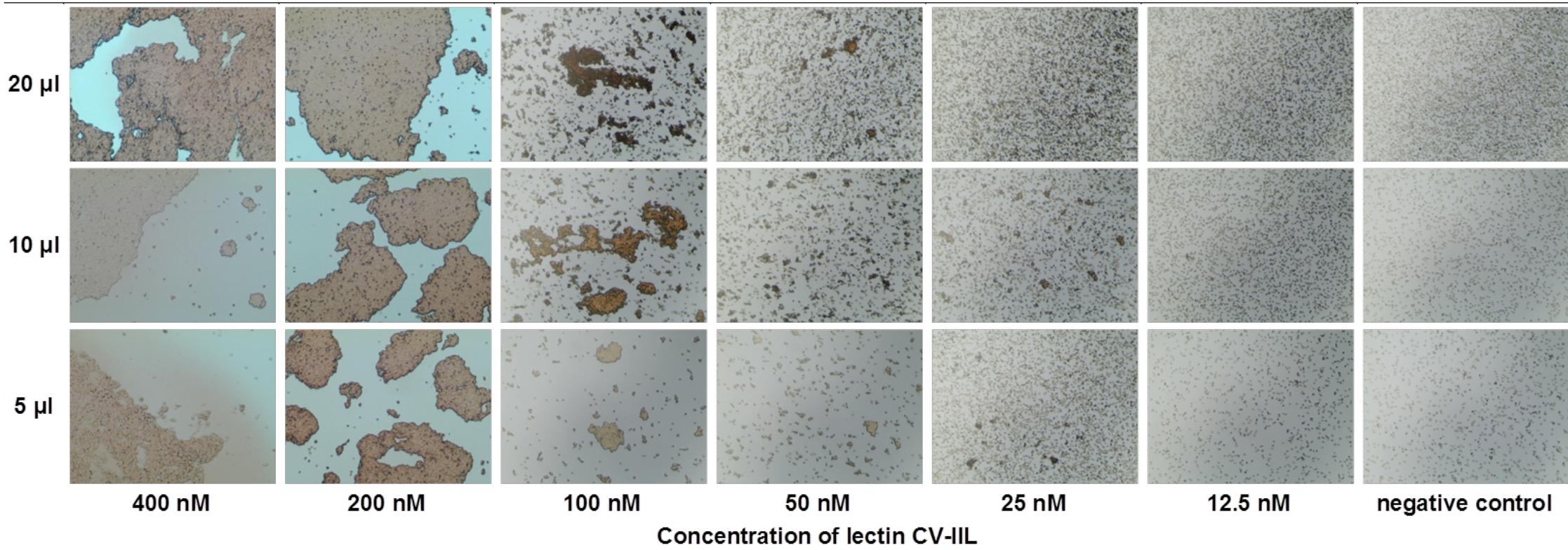


RBC 5%



RBC 10%



RBC 20%

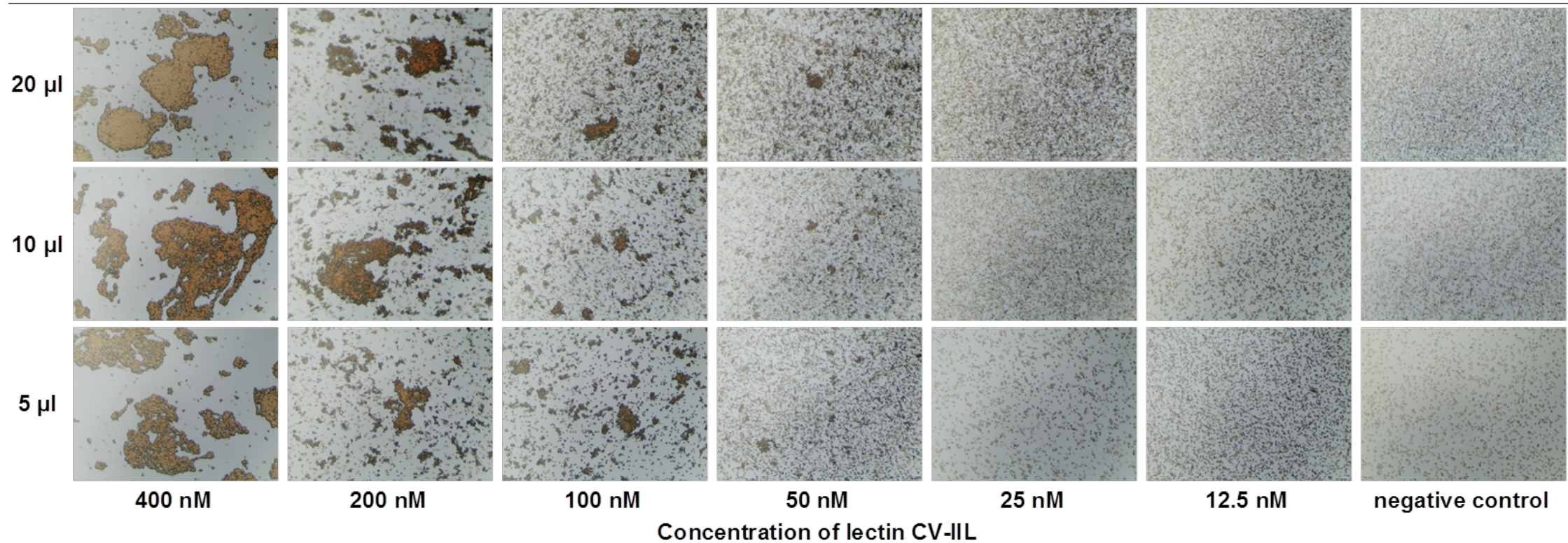


Fig. S1. Optimization of RBC concentration used in the agglutination procedure and volume of mixture applied to a glass slide before observation under microscope. Lectin CV-IIL was utilized in this optimization process. The lectin was serially diluted in working buffer and sample of each concentration was mixed in 1 : 1 ratio with suspensions of 5% RBC₀⁺ (upper panel) or 10% RBC₀⁺ (middle panel) or 20% RBC₀⁺ (lower panel). Mixture was incubated for 5 minutes at room temperature and mixed again. Three samples of each mixture in volumes 20 μ l, 10 μ l and 5 μ l were applied to three glass slides and observed under the Levenhuk microscope. Pictures were taken by the camera DEM135 (Levenhuk). RBC hemolysis is apparent in mixtures of 5% RBC or 10% RBC with lectin CV-IIL in concentration 400 nM. All negative control experiments did not show any visible agglutination.