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Product Sheet

Plasmodium falciparum (ATCC® 50037™)

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Biosafety Level
2

Intended Use

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Citation of Strain

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Description

Strain Designation: FCR-3/Gambia Clone D-3, Knobless
Deposited Name: *Plasmodium falciparum* Welch
Depositor: W Trager
Isolation:
derived from existing strain
Isolation date: 1981

Propagation

Growth Conditions
Temperature: 37.0°C
Growth condition: in vitro culture in human erythrocytes. Consult product sheet for protocol.

Medium
ATCC® Medium 2196: Malaria medium, complete

Instructions for Complete Medium
ATCC Medium 2196* w. type O blood

Protocols

Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampoules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

The following directions for recovery from the frozen state must be carefully followed if a culture is to be successfully established.

1. Place the frozen vial in a 37ºC water bath until mixture is completely thawed.
2. Aseptically transfer the contents to a 50 ml sterile conical tube.
3. Slowly add 1 volume (0.1 ml) 12% Sodium Chloride solution dropwise via a 1ml syringe to 5 volumes sample (0.5 ml) and agitate continuously.
4. Allow the mixture to stand for 5 mins. at room temperature.
5. Slowly add 5 ml 1.8% Sodium Chloride dropwise via a larger syringe and allow to stand at room temperature for 2 mins.
6. Add 5 ml of 0.9% Sodium Chloride / 0.2% Glucose solution as in step 5.
7. Centrifuge for 5 min. at 1500rpm, remove supernatant.
8. Wash pellet in 20 ml incomplete medium.
9. Centrifuge for 5 min at 1500 rpm, remove supernatant.
10. Resuspend pellet in 8ml complete medium in tissue culture flask and gently aerate culture with gas mixture of 5% CO_2, 5% O_2 and 90% N_2 using a sterile, cotton plugged Pasteur pipet.
11. Smear if required (see below).

Cryopreservation

CRYOPRESERVATION:

Only young cells (rings) can be frozen in glycerolyte medium** because their membranes are more robust.

1. Centrifuge ring stage culture for 5 min at 1800rpm in 50 ml centrifuge tube.
2. Aspirate supernatant using sterile Pasteur pipet.
3. Resuspend pellet gently in remaining supernatant.
4. Slowly add 5 volumes of glycerolyte medium (see below) to 3 volumes pellet dropwise via a syringe as follows:
   A. Add the first volume of glycerolyte and allow the tube to stand for 5 mins. at room temperature.
   B. Add the remaining 4 volumes of glycerolyte and gently agitate.
5. Aliquot mixture into Nunc screwtop freezing vials and store at 80ºC overnight.
6. Plunge vials into liquid nitrogen (-196ºC) the next day and store in liquid nitrogen or liquid nitrogen vapor.

**** To formulate glycerolyte medium, combine the following with distilled water to 100 ml: 57.00g glycerol, 1.60g sodium lactate ($C_3H_5NaO_3$), 30.00mg potassium chloride (KCl), 1.38g sodium**

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dihydrogen phosphate (NaH_2PO_4). Mix well and adjust pH to 6.8 using concentrated NaOH and/or HCl. Autoclave to sterilize, and store at 4ºC.

References

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