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Product Sheet

VA-ES-BJ (ATCC® CRL-2138™)

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Biosafety Level
1

Intended Use

This product is intended for research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic use.

Complete Growth Medium

Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium with 4.5 g/L glucose and 0.1 mM non-essential amino acids; fetal bovine serum, 10%

Citation of Strain

If use of this culture results in a scientific publication, it should be cited in that manuscript in the following manner: VA-ES-BJ (ATCC® CRL-2138™)

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Description

Organism: *Homo sapiens*, human
Disease: epithelioid carcinoma
Cell Type: Epithelial
Age: 41 years
Gender: male
Morphology: epithelial
Growth Properties: adherent
Cytogenetic Analysis: near triploid karyotype with structural as well as numerical abnormalities; modal number = 65. Rearrangements of both chromosomes 1 and 9 with unknown materials were present., Five copies of chromosome 7 were seen in almost every cell, and there was no intact Y chromosome present. Cell to cell variation was due to numerical differences only, structural abnormalities were very consistent.

SAFETY PRECAUTION

ATCC highly recommends that protective gloves and clothing always be used and a full face mask always be worn when handling frozen vials. It is important to note that some vials leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vessel exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris.

Unpacking & Storage Instructions

1. Check all containers for leakage or breakage.
2. Remove the frozen cells from the dry ice packaging and immediately place the cells at a temperature below -130°C, preferably in liquid nitrogen vapor, until ready for use.

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To insure the highest level of viability, thaw the vial and initiate the culture as soon as possible upon receipt. If upon arrival, continued storage of the frozen culture is necessary, it should be stored in liquid nitrogen vapor phase and not at
-70°C. Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.
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1. Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a 37°C water bath. To reduce the possibility of contamination, keep the O-ring and cap out of the water. Thawing should be rapid (approximately 2 minutes).
2. Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are thawed, and decontaminate by dipping in or spraying with 70% ethanol. All of the operations from this point on should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
3. Transfer the vial contents to a centrifuge tube containing 9.0 ml complete culture medium and spin at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes.
4. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete medium (see the specific batch information for the culture recommended dilution ratio) and dispense into a 25 cm^2 or a 75 cm^2 culture flask. It is important to avoid excessive alkalinity of the medium during recovery of the cells. It is suggested that, prior to the addition of the vial contents, the culture vessel containing the complete growth medium be placed into the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0 to 7.6).
5. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO_2 in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product.

Subculturing Procedure

Subcultivation Ratio: A subcultivation ratio of 1:3 is recommended
Medium Renewal: Twice per week
Remove spent medium, add fresh 0.25% trypsin, 0.03% EDTA solution, rinse and remove trypsin. Let the culture sit at room temperature (or at 37C) until the cells detach. Add fresh medium, aspirate and dispense into new flasks.

Cryopreservation Medium

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Cryoprotectant Medium

Complete growth medium described above supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO. Cell culture tested DMSO is available as ATCC® Catalog No. 4-X.

Comments

VA-ES-BJ is an epithelioid sarcoma cell line derived in 1991 from a bone marrow metastasis removed from an adult male with primary vertebral epithelioid carcinoma.
The cells are sensitive to hemin.
The cell are positive for immunohistochemical staining for the following: AE-1 and AE-3 cytokeratins, fas, epithelial membrane antigen (EMA), vimentin and p53.

References

References and other information relating to this product are available online at www.atcc.org.

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Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the current publication of the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes for Health.

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