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Product Sheet

NL20 (ATCC® CRL-2503™)

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Storage Temp.
liquid nitrogen vapor phase

Biosafety Level
2

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

Ham's F12 medium with 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate, 2.7 g/L glucose, 2.0 mM L-glutamine, 0.1 mM nonessential amino acids, 0.005 mg/ml insulin, 10 ng/ml epidermal growth factor, 0.001 mg/ml transferrin, 500 ng/ml hydrocortisone and 4% fetal bovine serum

Citation of Strain

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Description

Organism: *Homo sapiens*, human
Tissue:
lung/bronchus
Disease: Accident victim
Cell Type: Epithelial
Age: 20 years
Gender: female
Morphology: epithelial
Growth Properties: adherent
Cytogenetic Analysis: near diploid

Batch-Specific Information

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for batch-specific test results.

SAFETY PRECAUTION

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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.

Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells

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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 xg for 5 to7 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 sheet.

Handling Procedure for Flask Cultures

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The flask was seeded with cells (see specific batch information) grown and completely filled with medium at ATCC to prevent loss of cells during shipping.
1. Upon receipt visually examine the culture for macroscopic evidence of any microbial contamination. Using an inverted microscope (preferably equipped with phase-contrast optics), carefully check for any evidence

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of microbial contamination. Also check to determine if the majority of cells are still attached to the bottom of the flask; during shipping the cultures are sometimes handled roughly and many of the cells often detach and become suspended in the culture medium (but are still viable).

2. **If the cells are still attached,** aseptically remove all but 5 to 10 mL of the shipping medium. The shipping medium can be saved for reuse. Incubate the cells at 37°C in a 5% CO_2 in air atmosphere until they are ready to be subcultured.

3. **If the cells are not attached,** aseptically remove the entire contents of the flask and centrifuge at 125 xg for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove shipping medium and save. Resuspend the pelleted cells in 10 mL of this medium and add to 25 cm^2 flask. Incubate at 37°C in a 5% CO_2 in air atmosphere until cells are ready to be subcultured.

Subculturing Procedure

Subcultivation Ratio: A subcultivation ratio of 1:12 to 1: 20 is recommended
Medium Renewal: Every 2 to 3 days
Remove medium, add dissociation solution (0.02% EDTA and 5% dialized fetal bovine serum in Ca-Mg free Hanks' BSS) and allow the flask to sit at 37C for 12 minutes or until the cells detach.
Add fresh culture medium, aspirate and dispense into new culture flasks.
Subculture weekly.

Cryopreservation Medium

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

Comments

NL20 cells at passage 183 were inoculated into nude mice and a small slowly growing subcutaneous tumor developed from a minor clone in this otherwise stable cell line.
After three months the tumor was removed and placed in culture. At passage 3, these cells were re-injected into nude mice.
One of the resulting tumors was dissociated, placed in culture and designated NL20-TA. This cell line (ATCC CRL-2504) remains tumorigenic up to at least passage 250.

References

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

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