

CRISPR/Cas9 Genome-edited Drug-resistant Cell Models: An Advanced Approach for Overcoming Drug Resistance

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Therapy resistance in cancer



- Therapeutic resistance in cancer is multifactorial and heterogeneous.
- Spatial and temporal resistance occurs in tumor cells, within the stroma, or in metastasis.
- The underlying mechanisms of drug resistance are diverse and complex, often driven by
 - Tumor heterogeneity
 - Genetic and epigenetic alternations
 - Drug transporters
 - Lineage plasticity
 - Adaptive signaling events
 - Tumor microenvironment (TME)



Overcoming resistance: new approaches

Applying evolutionary principles

- Competitive release of drug-resistant subclone
- Intermittent therapy: allow drug-sensitive cells to outcompete drug-resistant subclones

Modulating the TME

- Targeting the tumor vasculature, stroma, and immune cells
- Learning from exceptional responders
 - Extending exceptional responses to broader patient populations



- Many of the models used in the early stages of research don't capture cancer's mechanisms of resistance to therapeutics, which impede progress in drug development and clinical trials.
- To overcome this roadblock, ATCC is committed to providing the advanced cell models to push the envelope in cancer research



ATCC drug resistant cell models



Establish drug resistance cell model through gene editing

Drug resistance in melanoma

BRAF inhibitor resistance in melanoma patients



 Week 1
 Week 15
 Week 23

 Wagle N, et al. J Clin Oncol 29(22): 3085-3096, 2011

Ras/Raf/MEK/ERK MAP kinase signaling regulates BRAF inhibitor drug resistance



Develop isogenic lines of drug resistance

Advanced *in vitro* cell models that contain defined genetic drug resistance mechanisms are needed to facilitate the development of next-generation therapeutics that can overcome BRAF drug resistance in melanoma.



Characterization of A375 isogenic cell lines

- Genome sequence
- Transcript sequence
- Protein expression
- Off-target screening
- Cell morphology
- Cell growth kinetics
- Drug response
- Cell line stability
- Cell line authentication
- Sterility test



A375 isogenic lines for 2D drug screening

Cell Line Name	ATCC [®] No.	BRAF V600E	Engineered Mutation	Engineered Genotype	BRAF Inhibitor Resistance	MEK Inhibitor Resistance	3D Functional Validation
Unedited A375	CRL-1619™	+	N/A	N/A			+
KRAS Mutant- A375 Isogenic	CRL-1619IG-1™	+	KRAS G13D	heterozygous	+		+
NRAS Mutant- A375 Isogenic	CRL-1619IG-2™	+	NRAS Q61K	heterozygous	+	-	+
MEK1 Mutant- A375 Isogenic	CRL-1619IG-3™	+	MEK1 Q56P	homozygous	+	+	+







A375 isogenic lines for 3D culture drug screening



BRAF Inhibitor Resistance of Ras Mutant Melanoma Models in 3D Tissue Culture





MEK1 isogenic A375 lines for combination therapy study



Unique features of KRAS isogenic A375 line

KRAS^{G13D} A375 isogenic line highly expressing EGFR and PD-L1



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Isogenic A375 lines for IO and combination therapy study



- KRAS^{G13D} A375 Isogenic line harbors BRAF^{V600E}, KRAS^{G13D} mutations, highly expresses EGFR and IO checkpoint PD-L1
- Together with its parental cell line, KRAS^{G13D} A375 Isogenic line can be an ideal drug resistant melanoma model for the studies of commination therapy using BRAF inhibitor and IO checkpoint blockade



Drug-resistant isogenic A375 lines for in vivo study

Generation of Luciferase Expressing isogenic A375 Cell Line Image: Straight of Straightof Straight of Straight of Straight of Straigh

In vitro Confirmation of Luciferase Expression and Stability





KRAS^{G13D} A375 Isogenic-Luc2 Tumor Model and *in vivo* Bioluminescence Imaging



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KRAS mutant A-375 Isogenic-Luc2 radiance vs time





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Summary



- Cell-based models are critical tools for understanding the mechanisms of drug resistance and developing novel therapeutics.
- ATCC has been developing state-of-the-art drug-resistant cancer cell models by using CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing technology to introduce critical mutations into diseaserelevant cell lines.
- These novel cell lines have several advantages including cell line homogeneity, stability of the relevant genotype, do not require for continued drug pressure to maintain the cell line, and modeling the acquired resistance to newly developed therapeutics.



Thank you and questions?

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