

# ATCC-BXS0117 Human [Asian Female] Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) Cells

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## Description

ATCC-BXS0117 Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSCs) were derived from bone marrow CD34+ cells obtained from a healthy, 27-year-old, Asian, female donor. This cell line can be used in immunology and stem cell research.

**Recommendation:** Read the [ATCC Stem Cell Culture Guide](#) before initiating your cultures.

**Organism:** *Homo sapiens*, human

**Cell Type:** iPSC

**Tissue:** Bone; Marrow

**Age:** 27 years

**Gender:** Female

**Morphology:** Colonies consist of tightly packed hiPSCs with well-defined sharp edges. Individual cells within the colony exhibit prominent nucleoli with a high nucleus to cytoplasm ratio. Neighboring individual cells form a cobblestone like appearance.

**Disease:** Normal

**Cells per vial:** ≥ 30 colonies after 5 days when seeded as directed

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

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## Intended Use



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Cells contain Sendai virus (SeV) DNA sequences

ATCC highly recommends that appropriate personal protective equipment is always used when handling vials. For cultures that require storage in liquid nitrogen, it is important to note that some vials may 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 vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submersed in liquid nitrogen.

## Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).



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## Handling Procedures

### Unpacking and 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.

### Complete medium:

ATCC iPSCs have been adapted to feeder- and serum-free culture conditions.

The base medium for this cell line is Pluripotent Stem Cell SFM XF/FF (ATCC ACS-3002) which is a ready-to-use medium for serum-free and feeder-free iPSC culture.

**Reagents for subculture:** Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent (ATCC ACS-3010)

D-PBS (ATCC 30-2200)

ROCK Inhibitor Y27632 (ATCC ACS-3030)

### Handling Procedure:

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 -80°C.

Storage at -80°C will result in loss of viability.

### Preparation for Culture

1. *Night before thawing iPSC cells* – Thaw Cell Basement Membrane Gel on ice in refrigerator or cold room (2°C to 8°C)
2. *One Hour Prior to Thawing the iPS Cells* – Prepare coated plates as described.
3. *30 Minutes Prior to Handling Cells* – Pre-warm Pluripotent Stem Cell SFM XF/FF (stem cell culture medium) at 37°C for at least 30 minutes before adding to cells. If using ROCK Inhibitor Y27632, prepare stem cell culture medium supplemented with final concentration of 10 µM ROCK Inhibitor Y27632. Stem cell culture medium with ROCK inhibitor must be used immediately.

**Note:** Addition of ROCK inhibitor has been shown to increase the survival rate during subcultivation and thawing of human iPSCs. The use of ROCK inhibitor may cause a transient spindle-like morphology effect on the cells. However, the colony morphology will recover after subsequent media change without ROCK inhibitor.

### Protocol for Coating Plates

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**Important:** Cell Basement Membrane Gel will solidify in 15 to 30 minutes above 15° C. Keep Cell Basement Membrane Gel and labware on ice at all times to prevent the matrix from gelling prematurely. Calculate the appropriate Cell Basement Membrane volume per plate based on concentration and usage. The concentration of Cell Basement Membrane is found on the product label.

**Example: 2 mL of Cell Basement Membrane Gel at 150 g/mL is required to coat one 6 cm dish. To coat two 6 cm dishes, prepare as follows:**

Dilute Cell Basement Membrane in DMEM:F12 at a working concentration of 150 µg/mL:

Protein concentration of Cell Basement Membrane (on product label): 14 mg/mL.

$$(4 \text{ mL})(0.15 \text{ mg/mL}) = 0.043 \text{ mL}$$

(14 mg/mL)

Add 43 µL Cell Basement Membrane Gel directly into 4 mL DMEM: F12

1. Thaw Cell Basement Membrane Gel in the refrigerator (2°C to 8°C), on ice, overnight.
2. Dilute the thawed Cell Basement Membrane Gel to 150 µg/mL in cold DMEM: F-12 Medium (ATCC 30-2006) by directly adding the Cell Basement Membrane Gel to the medium on ice and mix well.
3. Immediately coat each 6-cm dish with 2 mL diluted Cell Basement Membrane Gel.
4. Swirl dish gently to ensure that the entire dish is evenly covered.

Leave the coated dishes at 37°C for one hour. The plates are now ready for use.

## Initiation of Cultures

1. Rapidly thaw the cells by placing the cryovial in a 37°C water bath, swirling gently. Remove the cryovial from the water bath when only a few ice crystals are remaining.

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2. Sterilize the cryovial by rinsing with 70% ethanol. All of the operations from this point on should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
3. Using a 1 mL or 5 mL pipette, gently transfer the cell suspension to a 15 mL conical tube.
4. Slowly add 4 mL stem cell culture medium drop-wise, to the conical tube. Rinse the cryovial by adding and removing an additional 1 mL of medium and transfer the liquid to the 15 mL conical tube. Shake the conical tube gently to mix the cells while adding media. Do not break apart the aggregates into a single-cell suspension, as it is crucial to maintain the cells in aggregates.
5. Centrifuge the cells at 200 x g for 5 minutes.
6. Aspirate the supernatant and discard. Gently tap on the bottom of the tube to loosen the cell pellet.
7. Add 1 mL of stem cell culture medium with ROCK Inhibitor Y27632. Gently resuspend the pellet by pipetting up and down 2 to 3 times with a 1 mL tip. Do not over pipette, as it is crucial to maintain the cells in aggregates.
8. Aspirate the coating solution from the plates prepared in step 4 of the Protocol for Coating Plates section. Add 4 mL of stem cell culture medium with ROCK Inhibitor Y27632 to each of two 6 cm dishes.
9. Seed 0.5 mL of cell aggregates onto the dishes prepared in step 8.
10. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

### Subculturing procedure:

Cell culture dishes are coated with Cell Basement Membrane Gel (ATCC ACS-3035) to provide a surface for the attachment of iPSCs.

### Coating Procedure:

1. Thaw Cell Basement Membrane Gel on ice and swirl gently to mix. Important: Cell Basement Membrane Gel will solidify in 15 to 30 minutes above 15°C. Keep Cell Basement Membrane Gel, vials and pipette tips on ice at all times to prevent Cell Basement Membrane Gel from solidifying. If air bubbles form, they may be eliminated by centrifuging Cell Basement Membrane Gel at 300 x g for 10 minutes at 2°C to 8°C.
2. Determine the appropriate volume per aliquot based on concentration and



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usage.

3. Example: 2 mL of Cell Basement Membrane at 150 µg/mL is required to coat one 6-cm dish. To coat two 6-cm dishes, prepare as follows:
4. Dilute Cell Basement Membrane in DMEM:F12 to a working concentration of 150 µg/mL. For instance, if the protein concentration of Cell Basement Membrane (on certificate of analysis) is 14 mg/mL, then: (4 mL) x (0.15 mg/mL)/(14 mg/mL) = 0.043 mL. Therefore, add 43 µL Cell Basement Membrane directly in 4 mL cold DMEM: F-12 Medium
5. Cell culture dishes coated with Cell Basement Membrane Gel should be incubated at 37°C for one hour. Aspirate coating solution and immediately plate the cells. It is critical that the coating does not dry out. **Post thaw day 1, perform a 100% medium change and remove all cells that did not attach.** Perform a 100% medium change every day. Passage the cells every 4 to 5 days (80% confluent) at an appropriate split ratio (a 1:4 split ratio is recommended). If the colonies are close to, or touching each other, the culture is overgrown. Overgrowth will result in differentiation.

ROCK Inhibitor Y27632 is not necessary each time the culture medium is changed. It is required when cells are recovering from thaw on Cell Basement Membrane Gel-coated dishes containing 5 mL Pluripotent Stem Cell XF/FF medium/6-cm dish.

This protocol is designed to passage stem cell colonies cultured in a 6 cm dish, using Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent (ATCC ACS-3010) to detach the cell colonies. The recommended split ratio is 1:4. Volumes should be adjusted according to the size and number of the tissue culture vessels to be processed.

## Reconstitution of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent:

Lyophilized proteins tend to be hygroscopic. Bring the vial of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent to room temperature before opening. The vial should not be cool to the touch. Once opened, the lyophilized material should be stored desiccated. The specific activity of the reagent is found on the certificate of analysis. Dissolve the appropriate amount of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent in DMEM: F-12 Medium to prepare a 0.5 U/mL working solution.

1. Dissolve the appropriate amount of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent in DMEM: F-12 Medium to prepare a 0.5 U/mL working solution. **Example:** To prepare 40 mL of a 0.5 U/mL working solution: Specific activity of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent (on certificate of analysis) = 1.46 U/mg (40 mL) x (0.5 U/mL)/(1.46



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U/mg) = 13.7 mg Dissolve 13.7 mg Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent in 40 mL

DMEM: F-12 Medium.

2. Filter sterilize through a 0.22  $\mu$ m filter membrane.
3. Aliquot into working volumes according to routine usage.
4. Store aliquots at -20°C for up to three months. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing. Thawed aliquots may be kept at 2°C to 8°C for up to two weeks.

**Note:** Addition of ROCK inhibitor has been shown to increase the survival rate. The use of ROCK inhibitor may cause a transient spindle-like morphology effect on the cells. However, the colony morphology will recover after subsequent media change without ROCK inhibitor.

1. Warm an aliquot of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent working solution to room temperature.
2. Aspirate and discard the stem cell culture medium.
3. Rinse the cells twice by adding and discarding 4 mL of DMEM:F12.
4. Add 2 mL of Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent working solution to the dish.
5. Incubate at 37°C for 2 to 5 minutes.
6. Aspirate the Stem Cell Dissociation Reagent and gently rinse the colonies with 4 mL of DMEM: F-12 Medium, taking care not to dislodge the cells during manipulation. Aspirate the DMEM: F12 rinse and discard.
7. Add 2 mL of stem cell culture medium to the dish, and detach the cells by pipetting up and down 2 to 3 times with a 1 mL tip. **Take care not to over-pipette the culture into a single-cell suspension as single cells will not establish colonies after seeding.**
8. Transfer the cell aggregates to a 15 mL conical tube.
9. Add an additional 3 mL of stem cell culture medium to the dish to collect any remaining cells. Transfer this rinse to the 15 mL conical tube containing the cell aggregates.
10. Centrifuge the cell aggregates at 200 x g for 5 minutes.
11. Aspirate the supernatant and discard.
12. Add 1 mL of stem cell culture medium. Gently resuspend the pellet by pipetting up and down **2 to 3 times** with a 1 mL tip, maintaining the small cell aggregates. **Take care not to over-pipette the culture into a single-cell suspension as single cells will not establish colonies after seeding.**
13. Plate the cells on Cell Basement Membrane Gel-coated dishes containing 5 mL Pluripotent Stem Cell XF/FF medium/6-cm dish.
14. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub>/95% air incubator.

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Perform a 100% medium change every day. Passage the cells every 4 to 5 days (80% confluent).

## Cryopreservation:

For optimal results, cryopreserve stem cell colonies when the cell cultures are 80% confluent. This protocol is designed to cryopreserve stem cell colonies cultured in a 6 cm dish.

1. Detach stem cell colonies from the dish as described in the recommended subculturing protocol (steps 1-11). Gently tap the bottom of the tube to loosen the cell pellet.
2. Take the Stem Cell Freezing Media from storage and swirl to mix. Keep cold. Decontaminate by dipping in or spraying with 70% alcohol.
3. Add 2 mL of **cold** Stem Cell Freezing Media (ATCC ACS-3020) to the tube. Gently resuspend the pellet by pipetting up and down **2 to 3** times with a 1 mL tip, maintaining the cell aggregates.
4. Immediately transfer 1 mL each of the cell suspension into two labeled cryovials.
5. Freeze the cells gradually at a rate of -1°C/min until the temperature reaches -70°C to -80°C. A cryopreservation container (e.g., CoolCell® freezing container) may also be used.
6. The cells should not be left at -80°C for more than 24 to 48 hours. Once at -80°C, frozen cryovials should be transferred to the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen for long-term storage.

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## References

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