



#### Description

GH3 is an epithelial-like cell that was isolated in 1965 from the pituitary gland of a female rat with a tumor. This cell line was deposited by AH Tashjian.

**Organism:** *Rattus norvegicus*, rat

**Cell Type:** epithelial-like cell

**Tissue:** Pituitary gland

**Age:** 7 months

**Gender:** Female

**Morphology:** epithelial

**Growth properties:** Loosely adherent with floating clusters

**Disease:** Tumor

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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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## Growth Conditions

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**Temperature:** 37°C**Atmosphere:** 95% Air, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

## 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:** The base medium for this cell line is ATCC-formulated F-12K Medium, Catalog No. 30-2004. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 2.5%; horse serum to a final concentration of 15%.

**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 -70°C. Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.

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 7 minutes.
4. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete medium (see the specific batch information for the culture recommended dilution ratio). 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). pH (7.0 to 7.6).
5. 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

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sheet.

**Subculturing procedure:**

Volumes are given for a 75 cm<sup>2</sup> flask. Increase or decrease the amount of dissociation medium needed proportionally for culture vessels of other sizes.

1. Remove and discard culture medium. Sometimes many cells are floating, they can be harvested by centrifugation of medium instead of discarding it.
2. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin- 0.53 mM-EDTA solution to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually within 5 to 15 minutes).
3. Add 6.0 to 8.0 mL of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
4. Add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels.
5. Incubate cultures at 37°C.

**Subcultivation Ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:2 to 1:4 is recommended

**Medium Renewal:** 2 to 3 times per week

**Reagents for cryopreservation:** Complete growth medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

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**Material Citation**

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**References**

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