



# HK-2

CRL-2190™

## Description

HK-2 cells are derived from a normal, human adult male kidney. The cell line has applications in toxicology research.

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

**Tissue:** kidney; Cortex; Proximal tubule

**Age:** adult

**Gender:** Male

**Morphology:** epithelial

**Growth properties:** Adherent

**Disease:** Papilloma

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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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## BSL 2

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Cells contain Human papillomavirus type 16 (HPV-16) 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.

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## 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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## Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** 95% Air, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

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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:** The base medium for this cell line is provided by Invitrogen (GIBCO) as part of a kit: Keratinocyte Serum Free Medium (K-SFM), Kit Catalog Number 17005-042. This kit is supplied with each of the two additives required to grow this cell line (bovine pituitary extract (BPE) and human recombinant epidermal growth factor (EGF). To make the complete growth medium, you will need to add the following components to the base medium:

0.05 mg/ml BPE - provided with the K-SFM kit

5 ng/ml EGF - provided with the K-SFM kit. NOTE: Do not filter complete medium.

**Handling Procedure:**

To ensure 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 150 to 400 x g for 8 to 12 minutes (best at 280 x g) for 10 minutes.
4. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete medium. Please refer to the Certificate of Analysis of the lot received for specific culture initiating information which includes the flask size and seeding density (recommended dilution ratio). Cells are seeded based on cells/cm<sup>2</sup>, a density range rather than a 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).
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.

**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. Corning® T-75 flasks (catalog #430641) are recommended for subculturing this product.

**Note:** Cell growth is dependent on epidermal growth factor. The cells should not be allowed to become confluent, subculture at 80% or less confluence.

1. Remove and discard culture medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cell layer with D-PBS (ATCC 30-2200).
3. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of 0.05% Trypsin-0.53 mM EDTA solution (ATCC 30-2101) to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually within 5 to 15 minutes).

Note: To avoid clumping do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the flask while waiting for the cells to detach. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.

4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 mL of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. To remove trypsin-EDTA solution, transfer cell suspension to centrifuge tube and spin at approximately 280 x g for 10 minutes. Discard supernatant and resuspend cells in fresh growth medium. Add appropriate aliquots of cell suspension to new culture vessels.
6. Incubate cultures at 37°C.

**Subculturing Seeding Density:** 5.0 x 10<sup>3</sup> to 2.0 x 10<sup>4</sup> viable cells/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Medium Renewal:** Every 2 to 3 days

**Reagents for cryopreservation:** Complete growth medium supplemented with 7.5% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

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**Material Citation**

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**References**

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