



3T3-L1 MBX

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Description

3T3-L1 MBX is a fibroblast cell line clone that was derived from 3T3-L1 (ATCC CL-173) which was isolated from a mouse embryo. 3T3 L1-MBX clone was derived to ensure close to 100% differentiation to adipocytes and great response to insulin. In addition, 3T3 L1-MBX has a great insulin-stimulated glucose uptake response which is about 8-10 fold window with sub-maximal insulin concentration in 2-deoxyglucose uptake assay (2-DOG). This cell line would be a valuable tool for researchers who are interested in diabetes and obesity research areas This cell line was deposited by CymaBay Therapeutics (formerly Metabolex, Inc.) & Choi Y.

Organism: *Mus musculus*, mouse

Cell Type: fibroblast

Tissue: Embryo

Morphology: fibroblast

Growth properties: Adherent

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

Intended Use

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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.

Growth Conditions

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO₂

Handling Procedures

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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 Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium, Catalog No. 30-2002. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 10%.

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 $125 \times g$ 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) and dispense into a new 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.

Subculturing procedure:

Note: Never allow culture to become completely confluent.

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm^2 flasks; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes.

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1. Remove and discard culture medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cell layer with 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin - 0.53 mM EDTA solution to remove all traces of serum that contains trypsin inhibitor.
3. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of Trypsin-EDTA solution 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. Add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels. The recommended inoculum is 3 to 5 X 10³ cells/cm². Subculture before cultures become 80 to 90% confluent.

Interval: Every three days

Medium Renewal: 2 to 3 times per week

Reagents for cryopreservation: Fetal Bovine Serum supplemented with 10% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

Material Citation

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References

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