



Immortalized human meibomian gland epithelial cells (IHMGEC)

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Description

Immortalized human meibomian gland epithelial cells (IHMGEC) is a cell line exhibiting epithelial morphology that was isolated from the eye of a male patient. This cell line will produce a mucus-like secretion at confluency and struggle to attach after subculture. It can be used to study meibomian gland physiology.

Organism: *Homo sapiens*, human

Tissue: Eye

Gender: Male

Morphology: Epithelial-like

Growth properties: Adherent

Cells per vial: Approximately 2.0 to 3.0×10^6

Volume: 1.0 mL

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

Intended Use

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic 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 Gibco™ Keratinocyte Serum Free Serum (FM) (1X) kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, catalog # 17005-042). To make the complete medium add Gibco™ Keratinocytes Supplements (ThermoFisher Scientific, catalog # 37000-015) containing:

- Gibco™ EGF, Human Recombinant (ThermoFisher Scientific, catalog # 10450-013)
- Gibco™ Bovine Pituitary Extract (BPE) (ThermoFisher Scientific, catalog # 13028-014)

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 $125 \times g$ 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). 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).

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5. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

Subculturing procedure:

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm² flask; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes. Corning® T-75 flasks (catalog #430641) are recommended for subculturing this product.

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. Removal of Dissociation Agent: Centrifuge cells 150 to 400 x g; 8 to 12 minutes. Remove supernatant and resuspend the pellet in culture medium. Add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels. Cultures can be established between 2.0 x 10⁴ and 4.0 x 10⁴ viable cells/cm².
6. Incubate cultures at 37 °C.

Interval: Maintain cultures at a cell concentration between 9.5 X 10³ and 2.5 X 10⁴ cell/cm².

Subcultivation Ratio: A subcultivation ratio of 1:3 to 1:8 is recommended

Medium Renewal: 2 to 3 times per week

Subculture at ≤ 80% confluence

Reagents for cryopreservation: Keratinocyte Serum Free Medium (K-SFM) with frozen supplements EGF and BPE and 5% DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

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