



# Brx50

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## Description

Brx50 is a suspension Circulating Tumor Cell (CTC) line derived from a patient undergoing treatment for metastatic breast cancer. Breast cancer CTCs shed from a primary tumor and circulate through the bloodstream increasing the risk for metastatic disease. Due to these metastatic characteristics, Brx50 is intended for the study of early diagnosis and monitoring of tumor progression for metastatic breast cancer.

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

**Cell Type:** epithelial-like cell

**Tissue:** Breast

**Age:** 42 years

**Gender:** Female

**Morphology:** Rounded with clusters

**Growth properties:** Suspension

**Disease:** Breast Cancer

**Cells per vial:**  $\geq 3.0 \times 10^6$

**Volume:** 1.0 mL

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

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

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## 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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**BSL 1**

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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:** Hypoxic: 4% O<sub>2</sub>, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

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**Handling Procedures**

### **Complete medium:**

The base medium is Gibco™ RPMI, GlutaMAX (ThermoFisher catalog # 61870-036). To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium:

- Gibco™ B27 Supplement (50x) (ThermoFisher Scientific catalog #17504-044) to a final concentration of 2%.

Due to limited stability, at each sub-culture, the following components should be added to the complete medium:

- Gibco™ EGF (ThermoFisher Scientific catalog # PHG0311 or equivalent) to a final concentration of 20 ng/mL.
- Gibco™ FGF (ThermoFisher Scientific catalog # PHG0261 or equivalent) to a final concentration of 20 ng/mL.

### **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 300x *g* for 3 minutes.
4. Resuspend cell pellet in 5 mL fresh pre-warmed complete growth medium, and transfer the cell suspension into a vented, Ultra-low attachment culture flask (Corning® Catalog # 4616 or 3814 ). NOTE: This cell line has a lower post-thaw viability and recover slowly, which will may take a few subcultures to fully recover.
5. Incubate the culture at 37° C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in 4% O<sub>2</sub> air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

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6. It is recommended to subculture every 3 days or when the medium pH begins to change.

### **Subculturing procedure:**

Cultures can be maintained by centrifugation and can then be established by resuspending the cells in fresh medium at  $1 \times 10^5$  viable cells/mL. Maintain cell density between  $1.0 \times 10^5$  and  $5 \times 10^5$  cells/mL.

**Medium Renewal:** Every 2 to 3 days (depending on medium pH).

**Reagents for cryopreservation:** ATCC Stem Cell Freezing Media (ATCC 30-2200)

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## References

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