



# BM-N

CRL-8910™

## Description

**Organism:** *Bombyx mori*, silkworm

**Growth properties:** Mixed: adherent and suspension

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

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## 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](http://www.atcc.org).

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### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 27°C

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### Handling Procedures

**Unpacking and storage instructions:**

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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  $-130^{\circ}\text{C}$ , preferably in liquid nitrogen vapor, until ready for use.

**Complete medium:** The base medium for this cell line is IPL-41 Insect Cell Culture Medium with glutamine (available from Sigma or Gibco). To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium:

- 2.6 g/L Tryptose Phosphate Broth (TPB)
- 0.069 mg/L  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- 3.86 mg/L  $\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- 5 mg/L chlorophenol red
- 2g/L NaCl
- 10% heat-inactivated insect grade fetal bovine serum

Adjust pH to 6.3 to 6.4 by adding 1N NaOH

Adjust osmolarity to 317 to 360 by adding extra NaCl

The IPL-41 medium formulation was devised for use in a free gas exchange with atmospheric air. A  $\text{CO}_2$  and air mixture is detrimental to cells when using this medium for cultivation. (In Vitro 17: 495-509, 1981)

- **Handling Procedure:**

**Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells**

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  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Storage at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  will result in loss of viability.

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1. Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a **27°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 growth medium and spin at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in an appropriate amount of fresh growth medium.
5. Transfer the vial contents to an appropriate size vessel.

Incubate the culture at **27°C** in a suitable incubator. The IPL-41 medium formulation was devised for use in a **free gas exchange with atmospheric air**. A CO<sub>2</sub> and air mixture is detrimental to cells when using this medium for cultivation.

- **Subculturing procedure:**

- **Medium Renewal:** Once per week

- Gently resuspend attached cells in old culture medium by pipetting old medium across the cells on the floor of the flask.

- **Reagents for cryopreservation:** Complete growth medium supplemented with 10% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

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## Material Citation

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