



# HMCB [ Human Melanoma Cell Bowes]

CRL-9607™

## Description

HMCB [ Human Melanoma Cell Bowes] is an epithelial cell line that was isolated from the skin of a donor with melanoma.

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

**Cell Type:** epithelial cell

**Tissue:** Skin

**Morphology:** epithelial

**Growth properties:** Adherent

**Disease:** Melanoma

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

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

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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 Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (EMEM; ATCC 30-2003). Add the following components to 500 mL base medium:

- 5.6 mL HEPES (1 M stock, Gibco catalog # 15630-080)
- 56 mL FBS (ATCC 30-2020)

### Subculturing procedure:

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 which 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.
6. Incubate cultures at 37°C.

**Subcultivation Ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:6 to 1:10 is recommended

**Medium Renewal:** Two to three times weekly

**Reagents for cryopreservation:** Complete growth medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

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