Trypanosoma cruzi Chagas

PRA-376™

Description

Strain designation: TcVT-1

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen
Storage conditions: -80°C or colder for 1 week, vapor phase of liquid nitrogen for long-term storage

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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used when handling vials. For cultures that require storage in liquid nitrogen, it is important to note that some vials may leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submersed in liquid nitrogen.

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

Host: BS-C-1 (ATCC CCL-26); Hs27 (ATCC CRL-1634); BALB/3T3 clone A31 (ATCC CCL-163)
Medium:
ATCC Medium 2222: Cell Cultivation Medium for Parasites
Instructions for complete medium: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) (ATCC® 30-2002) with 4 mM L-glutamine adjusted to contain 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate, 4.5 g/L glucose, and 1.0 mM sodium pyruvate; supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (ATCC®
Temperature: 35-37°C
Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO_2

Handling Procedures

Cell Line Maintenance

1. To establish a cell culture from the frozen state, place an ampule of ATCC® CCL-26™, ATCC® CRL-1634™, or ATCC® CCL-163™ in a water bath set at 35-37°C (2-3 min). Immerse the vial just sufficient to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and inoculate into 10.0 mL of fresh ATCC® 30-2002 with 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (HIFBS)* in a T-25 tissue culture flask.
3. Outgas the flask for 10 seconds with a 95% air, 5% CO_2 gas mixture.
4. Incubate in a 35-37°C CO_2 incubator with the cap screwed on tightly.
5. Change the medium 1-2 times per week.

*Fetal bovine serum is available from ATCC (ATCC® 30-2020; contact ATCC Sales to order). Serum is heat-inactivated by exposure to 56°C for 30 minutes. This treatment will inactivate proteins of the complement pathway. Remove the serum from the refrigerator and aseptically distribute in 100 mL aliquots to sterile 125 mL screw-capped bottles. Immerse bottles in a 35°C water bath for 5 minutes. Do not directly transfer bottles from the refrigerator to 56°C. Transfer the bottles to a 56°C water bath and begin timing for 30 minutes. To avoid contamination, do not allow the level of the water in the bath to come in contact with the lip of the screw cap. It is best to leave one inch between the serum level in the bottle and the lip of the cap and to fill the water bath to a level just slightly above the level of the serum. To assure even heating of the serum, swirl the bottle(s) every ten minutes. **Note:** Some suppliers provide serum already heat-inactivated.

Transferring the Cell Line

1. When the cell line forms a confluent layer, remove all the medium and replace it with 3 mL of Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) (ATCC® 30-2200). Incubate T-25 flask at 35-37°C for 25-30 min.
2. Remove all the PBS and replace it with 2 mL of 0.25% (w/v) trypsin dissolved in Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (ATCC® 30-2101).
3. Gently distribute the trypsin over the monolayer, remove the trypsin, and place the flask at 35-37°C for 10 min.
4. Add 2 mL of ATCC® 30-2002 with 10% (v/v) HIFBS and detach any cells still adherent by alternately aspirating the medium into a pipette and discharging the contents over the monolayer.
5. Distribute the cell suspension in 0.5 mL aliquots to four T-25 flasks containing 10 mL fresh ATCC® 30-2002 with 10% (v/v) HIFBS.

6. Outgas the flask for 10 seconds with a 95% air, 5% CO_2 gas mixture.
7. Incubate in a 35-37°C CO_2 incubator with the cap screwed on tightly.

Storage and Culture Initiation

Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampoules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

1. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35-37°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule. Do not leave ampule in water bath after it is thawed.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer contents to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing a fresh monolayer of the host cell line and 10 mL ATCC® 30-2002 with 10% (v/v) HIFBS.
3. Outgas the flask for 10 seconds with a 95% air, 5% CO_2 gas mixture.
4. Incubate in a 35-37°C CO_2 incubator with the cap screwed on tightly. Observe the culture daily under an inverted microscope for the presence of intracellular forms of the parasite. Emergence of trypomastigotes from host cells is usually observed between 5 to 7 days.

Culture maintenance: The culture should be passaged once significant numbers of emergent parasites (trypomastigote stage) are seen in the liquid column.

1. Remove the medium from a fresh confluent monolayer of the host cell line in a T-25 tissue culture flask and replace it with 10 mL of ATCC® 30-2002 with 10% (v/v) HIFBS.
2. Gently invert the *Trypanosoma* culture flask to suspend emergent parasites in the liquid medium and transfer 0.25-0.5 mL to the fresh flask of host cells prepared in step 1.
3. Outgas the flask for 10 seconds with a 95% air, 5% CO_2 gas mixture.
4. Incubate in a 35-37°C CO_2 incubator with the cap screwed on tightly.

Cryopreservation:

1. Harvest *Trypanosoma* cultures when emergent parasites (trypomastigote stage) have reached or are near peak density in the liquid column. Gently invert the *Trypanosoma* culture flasks to suspend parasites in the liquid medium.

2. Transfer the cell suspension (including parasites) to 15 mL plastic centrifuge tubes. Centrifuge at 1300 x g for 10 min.
3. Remove all but 0.5 mL of the supernatant from each tube, resuspend the cell pellets, and pool them to a single tube.
4. Adjust the parasite concentration to 2.0 - 4.0 x 10^7 cells/mL with fresh medium or PBS. NOTE: If the concentration of parasites is too low, centrifuge at 1300 x g for 10 min and resuspend in the volume of fresh medium or PBS required to yield the desired concentration.
5. Prepare a cryoprotective solution containing 10% (v/v) DMSO in fresh medium or PBS.
6. Mix the cell preparation and cryoprotective solution in equal portions. The final concentration will be 1.0 - 2.0 x 10^7 cells/mL and 5% DMSO. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and cryoprotective solution to the start of the freezing process should be no less than 15 min and no more than 30 min. NOTE: To prevent culture contamination, penicillin-streptomycin solution (ATCC® 30-2300) may be added to a final concentration of 50 to 100 I.U./mL penicillin and 50 to 100 µg/mL streptomycin.
7. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots to 1.0-2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryovials.
8. Place cryovials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at -1°C/min to -40°C. If freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at -1°C/min through heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.)
9. Store frozen ampules in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
10. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35-37°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule. Do not leave ampule in water bath after thawed.
11. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer contents to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing a fresh monolayer of the host cell line and 10 mL ATCC® 30-2002 with 10% (v/v) HIFBS.
12. Outgas the flask for 10 seconds with a 95% air, 5% CO_2 gas mixture.
13. Incubate in a 35-37°C CO_2 incubator with the cap screwed on tightly.

Notes

This culture contains primarily parasites of the trypomastigote stage which infects the mammalian host. In order to maintain a majority trypomastigote culture, emergent trypanosomes should be removed from the flask before significant numbers of them begin transformation to the epimastigote stage (usually about 1 week after emergence from host cells).

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References

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