BHK-21 [C-13]

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Description

BHK-21 [13] fibroblasts are isolated from the kidney of an uninfected golden hamster. The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) s these cells for routine diagnosis of rabies. This cell line has been used as a host for transformation with expression vectors containing selectable and amplifiable marker DNAs.

Organism: *Mesocricetus auratus*, hamster, Syrian golden
Cell Type: fibroblast
Tissue: kidney
Age: 1 day
Morphology: fibroblast
Growth properties: Adherent
Disease: Normal
Technical information: ATCC Product Experience does not have technical information on patent deposits that are not produced or characterized by ATCC. Additional information can be found in the corresponding patent available from the patent holder or with the U.S. and/or international patent office.

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen
Storage conditions: Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

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.

Growth Conditions

Temperature: 37°C

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 ATCC-formulated Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium, Catalog No. 30-2003. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 10%.

Handling Procedure:

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°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 x *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).
5. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO_2 in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

Subculturing procedure:

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm^2 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-0.53mM 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 37ºC 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.

Subcultivation Ratio: A subcultivation ratio of 1:2 to 1:10 is recommended
Medium Renewal: 1 to 2 times per week
Reagents for cryopreservation: Complete growth medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

Material Citation

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References

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