**Description**

The SH-SY5Y cell line is a thrice cloned subline of the neuroblastoma cell line SK-N-SH (ATCC HTB-11), which was established in 1970 from a metastatic bone tumor from a 4-year-old cancer patient. Applications include use as a transfection host or in immunology, neuroscience, and toxicology research.

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

**Tissue:** Bone; Marrow

**Age:** 4 years

**Gender:** Female

**Morphology:** epithelial

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

**Disease:** Neuroblastoma

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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.

Growth Conditions

Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO₂

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 a 1:1 mixture of ATCC-formulated Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium, Catalog No. 30-2003, and F12 Medium. 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). It is important to avoid excessive alkalinity of the medium during recovery of the cells. It is suggested that, prior to the addition of the vial contents, the culture vessel containing the complete growth medium be placed into the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0 to 7.6).
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. **Note:** The CRL-2266 cell line exhibits improved growth in acidic conditions. Fluid additions should be small and relatively infrequent.

**Subculturing procedure:**

These cells grow as a mixture of floating and adherent cells. The cells grow as clusters of neuroblastic cells with multiple, short, fine cell processes (neurites). Cells
will aggregate, form clumps and float. Remove the medium with the floating cells, and recover the cells by centrifugation. Rinse the adherent cells with fresh 0.25% trypsin, 0.53 mM EDTA solution, add an additional 1 to 2 mL of trypsin solution, and let the culture sit at room temperature (or at 37°C) until the cells detach. Add fresh medium, aspirate, combine with the floating cells recovered above and dispense into new flasks. For slightly adherent cells that you don’t want to stick, use Corning® T-75 Ultra Low Attachment Flasks (catalog # 3814) to subculture this product.

**Subcultivation Ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:20 to 1:50 is recommended  
**Medium Renewal:** Every 4 to 7 days  
**Reagents for cryopreservation:** Complete growth medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

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**Material Citation**

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**References**

References and other information relating to this material are available at www.atcc.org.

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