**Description**

Hs 940.T are fibroblasts that were isolated from the skin of a 57-year-old, white male patient with melanoma. It has applications in cancer research.
- **Organism** Homo sapiens, human
- **Tissue** Skin
- **Age** 57 years
- **Gender** Male
- **Morphology** Fibroblast
- **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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**Intended Use**

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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 Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium, Catalog No. 30-2002. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 10%.
- **Subculturing procedure** Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm² flask; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes.
  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 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:** 1:2 to 1:3
**Medium Renewal:** Every 2 to 3 days

**Note:** For more information on enzymatic dissociation and subculturing of cell lines consult Chapter 10 in *Culture of Animal Cells, a Manual of Basic Technique* by R. Ian Freshney, 3rd edition, published by Alan R. Liss, N.Y., 1994.

- **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**

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