**TK6**

**RL-8015™**

**Description**

TK6 is a lymphoblast cell line that was isolated from the spleen of a 5-year-old, male with hereditary spherocytosis. The cells are heterozygous at the thymidine kinase (TK) locus and can be used to quantitatively detect forward mutations at 3 loci (resistance to trifluorothymidine (tk locus)).

- **Organism** *Homo sapiens*, human
- **Cell Type** lymphoblast
- **Tissue** Spleen
- **Age** 5 years
- **Gender** Male
- **Morphology** lymphoblast
- **Growth properties** Suspension
- **Disease** Hereditary Spherocytosis
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- **Patent number** 4,302,535
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**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 RPMI-1640 Medium, ATCC 30-2001. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum (ATCC 30-2020) 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 75 cm² tissue culture flask and dilute with the recommended complete culture medium (see the specific batch information for the 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 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).
4. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

Subculturing procedure

Cultures can be maintained by addition or replacement of fresh medium. Maintain the cell concentration between 2 X 10⁵ and 1 X 10⁶ cells/mL.

Medium Renewal: Every 2 to 3 days (or as necessary to maintain the cell concentration between 2 X 10⁵ and 1 X 10⁶ cells/ml)

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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