



Product Sheet

# *Plasmodium falciparum* (ATCC® 50005™)

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## Description

**Strain Designation:** FCR-3/Gambia Subline F-86  
**Deposited Name:** *Plasmodium falciparum* Welch  
**Depositor:** W Trager  
**Isolation:**  
derived from ATCC 30932

## Propagation

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37.0°C

**Growth condition:** in vitro culture in human erythrocytes. Consult product sheet for protocol.

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 2196: Malaria medium, complete

## Instructions for Complete Medium

**Media:** ATCC Medium 2196 and type O blood

### Culture Maintenance

Changing of the culture medium every 24 hours is required for a malaria-infected erythrocyte culture. Add washed, uninfected red blood cells (RBCs) to 1-3% haematocrit, and maintain parasitemia at 2-3% for continuous culture.

1. Remove flask with infected culture from 37°C incubator and place onto flask warmer in biological safety hood.
2. Carefully aspirate the medium with a sterile unplugged Pasteur pipet attached to a vacuum line. Remove as much fluid as possible without taking the cells.
3. Aseptically add sterile warm (37°C) completed medium to the flask (~8ml to a T-25, ~25ml to a T-75, etc.). Mix and smear as required to determine parasitemia (see below).
4. Add washed RBCs as necessary to obtain desired haematocrit and parasitemia.
5. Gently mix and aerate culture with gas mixture of 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 5% O<sub>2</sub> and 90% N<sub>2</sub> using a sterile, cotton plugged Pasteur pipet. Quickly tighten cap of the flask and place in 37°C incubator until the next medium change.

## Cryopreservation

### CRYOPRESERVATION:

Only young cells (rings) can be frozen in glycerolyte medium\*\* because their membranes are more robust.

1. Centrifuge ring-stage culture for 5 mins. at 1000 x g in 50 ml centrifuge tube.
2. Aspirate supernatant using sterile Pasteur pipet.
3. Resuspend pellet gently in remaining supernatant.
4. Slowly add 5 volumes of glycerolyte medium to 3 volumes pellet dropwise via a syringe as follows:
  - A. Add the first volume of glycerolyte and allow the tube to stand for 5 mins. at room temperature.
  - B. Add the remaining 4 volumes of glycerolyte and gently agitate.
5. Aliquot mixture into Nunc screw-capped freezing vials and place in a Nalgene 1C cooling apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C overnight and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.).
6. Plunge vials into liquid nitrogen (-196°C) the next day and store in liquid nitrogen or liquid nitrogen vapor.

## References

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## Biosafety Level: 2

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