



Product Sheet

# Antheraea cells (ATCC® CCL-80™)

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## Intended Use

This product is intended for research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic use.

## Complete Growth Medium

Grace's insect medium, 79%; heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, 10%; whole egg ultrafiltrate, 10%; bovine plasma albumin (fraction V), 1%

## Citation of Strain

If use of this culture results in a scientific publication, it should be cited in that manuscript in the following manner: *Antheraea* cells (ATCC® CCL-80™)

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## Description

**Organism:** *Antheraea eucalypti*, moth  
**Gender:** female  
**Morphology:** spindle, round and crescent shaped cells  
**Growth Properties:** suspension

## Batch-Specific Information

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for batch-specific test results.

## SAFETY PRECAUTION

ATCC highly recommends that protective gloves and clothing always be used and a full face mask always be worn when handling frozen vials. It is important to note that some vials leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vessel exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris.

## Unpacking & 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.

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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.

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1. Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a 24°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. Discard supernatant.
4. Resuspend the cell pellet with the recommended complete medium and dispense into a 25 cm<sup>2</sup> culture flask. It is important to avoid excessive alkalinity of the medium during recovery of the cells.
5. Incubate the culture at 24°C in a suitable incubator. CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere is detrimental to cells when using the medium described on this product sheet.

## Handling Procedure for Flask Cultures

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The flask was seeded with cells (see specific batch information) grown and completely filled with medium at ATCC to prevent loss of cells during shipping.

1. Upon receipt visually examine the culture for macroscopic evidence of any microbial contamination. Using an inverted microscope (preferably equipped with phase-contrast optics), carefully check for any evidence of microbial contamination
2. Incubate the flask in an upright position for several hours at 24°C. After the temperature has equilibrated, aseptically remove the entire contents of the flask and centrifuge at 125 xg for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove shipping medium and save for reuse. Resuspend the cell pellet in 10 ml of this medium.
3. From this cell suspension remove a sample for a cell count and viability. Adjust the cell density of the suspension to 2-3 x 10(5) viable cells/ml in the shipping medium.
4. Incubate the culture, horizontally, at 24°C in air atmosphere. Maintain the cell density of the culture as suggested under the subculture procedure..



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## Subculturing Procedure

**Subcultivation Ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:12 is recommended

**Medium Renewal:** At the time of subcultivation (approximately every 6 days)

The cells grow in suspension and subcultures are prepared by diluting 0.5 ml of cell suspension with 4.5 ml of fresh culture medium and dispensing into a new flask. Culture at 23C to 25C.



## Cryopreservation Medium

### Cryoprotectant Medium

Complete growth medium described above supplemented with 10% (v/v) glycerol.



## Comments

This cell line derived from ovarian tissues of the moth, *Antheraea eucalypti*, by Grace in 1962, constituted the first true line of arthropod cells established in cell culture. Because of the difficulty and expense in obtaining significant volumes of lepidopteran hemolymph, the *Antheraea* cells were adapted to hemolymph-free culture medium by Yunker, Vaughn and Cory. The cell line was grown in Grace's insect tissue culture medium supplemented with 10% FBS (heat-inactivated), 10% whole chicken egg ultrafiltrate and 1% bovine plasma albumin (fraction V). The cells grow predominantly in suspension although some cells adhere to the vessel walls. Yunker and Cory found the adapted *Antheraea* cells were able to support the growth of a number of arboviruses.



## References

References and other information relating to this product are available online at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).



## Biosafety Level: 1

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