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

The base medium for this cell line is ATCC-formulated Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium, Catalog No. 30-2003. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 20%.

Citation of Strain

If use of this culture results in a scientific publication, it should be cited in that manuscript in the following manner: B-3 (ATCC® CRL-11421™)

Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells

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 at -130°C, preferably in liquid nitrogen vapor, until ready for use.

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.

Handling Procedure for Flask Cultures

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. Also check to determine if the majority of cells are still attached to the bottom of the flask; during shipping the cultures are sometimes handled roughly and many of the cells often detach and become suspended in the culture medium (but are still viable).
2. If the cells are still attached, aseptically remove all but 5 to 10 ml of the shipping medium. The shipping medium can be saved for reuse. Incubate the cells at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere until they are ready to be subcultured.
3. If the cells are not attached, aseptically remove the entire contents of the flask and centrifuge at 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove shipping medium and save. Resuspend the pelleted cells in 10 ml of this medium and add to 25 cm² flask. Incubate at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere until cells are ready to be subcultured.
Subculturing Procedure

These cells are very sensitive to trypsin-EDTA.
1. Quickly rinse (less than 30 seconds) the cell layer with 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin-0.53 mM EDTA solution to remove all traces of serum, which contains trypsin inhibitor.
2. Remove and add additional Trypsin-EDTA solution to flask.
3. Incubate at room temperature for 60 seconds or less.
4. Immediately add complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. Dispense into new culture flasks.

Subcultivation Ratio: A subcultivation ratio of 1:2 to 1:3 is recommended

Cryopreservation Medium

Complete growth medium described above supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO. Cell culture tested DMSO is available as ATCC Catalog No. 4-X.

Comments

The cells synthesize beta and gamma crystallins as monitored by immunoblot assay.
The cells can be maintained in culture for over 76 population doublings with no decrease in proliferative capability.

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