Organism: Mus musculus, mouse
Strain: 129/Ola
Tissue: embryo
Cell Type: embryonic stem cell, blastocyst derived
Age: embryo, blastocyst embryo, blastocyst
Morphology: spherical
Growth Properties: adherent

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 Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium, Catalog No. 30-2002. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: 2-mercaptoethanol to a final concentration of 0.1 mM; fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 10%.

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.

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 and not at -70°C. Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.

1. Plate feeder layer (IRR-STO) at 2 x 10⁶/T25 or 6 x 10⁶/T75 one or two days before plating ES-E14TG2a cells.
2. 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).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete medium (see the specific batch information for the culture recommended dilution ratio), and dispense into a 25 cm² or a 75 cm² culture flask. 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 complete 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).
6. 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.

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
Subculturing Procedure

Remove medium, add fresh 0.25% trypsin, 0.53mM EDTA solution. Allow the trypsin to loosen the cells, add fresh medium, aspirate and dispense into new flasks containing pre-plated mitomycin-C treated feeder cells (ATCC 56-X.2).

Subcultivation Ratio: A subcultivation ratio of 1:5 is recommended

Medium Renewal: Every 2 to 3 days

Cryopreservation Medium

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

Comments

The cells are deficient in HGPRT (HPRT) and are resistant to 0.06 mM 6-thioguanine.
The cells remain undifferentiated when cultured on feeder layers (embryonic fibroblasts or STO cells).
The cells spontaneously differentiate and form embryonal structures in the absence of a feeder layer.
When injected into blastocysts, the cells can colonize the germline.

After conventional molecular gene modification techniques, they may be used to reconstitute mouse embryos.

References

References and other information relating to this product are available online at www.atcc.org.

Biosafety Level: 1

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