**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. 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 centrifuge tube containing 9.0 mL complete culture medium and spin at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 7 minutes.
4. 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).
5. 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.
2. Incubate the flask in an upright position for several hours at 37°C. After the temperature has equilibrated, aseptically remove the entire contents of the flask and centrifuge at 125 x g 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 2-5 x 10⁵ viable cells/mL in the shipping medium.
4. Incubate the culture, horizontally, at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere. Maintain the cell density of the culture as suggested under the subculture procedure.

**Citation of Strain**

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**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 submerged 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.

**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**

Ham’s F12K medium with 2 mM L-glutamine adjusted to contain 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate, 85%; heat inactivated fetal bovine serum, 15%.

**Organism:** Rattus norvegicus, rat  
**Strain:** Sprague-Dawley  
**Tissue:** lung  
**Disease:** normal  
**Cell Type:** macrophage (alveolar)

**Morphology:** macrophage

**Growth Properties:** mixed, adherent and suspension
Subculturing Procedure

Cultures can be maintained by transferring floating cells to additional flasks. Adherent cells may be harvested by scraping. Upon reseeding, about one half of the cells will re-attach. Cultures are most successful when set up at a floating cell concentration of 1-4 x 10^5 viable cells/mL.

Medium Renewal: Two to three times weekly

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 were cultured in the presence of gerbil lung cell conditioned medium for approximately 8 to 9 months. Subsequently the requirement for exogenous growth factors was lost. The cells exhibit characteristics of macrophage cells.

Phagocytosis of zymosan and Pseudomonas aeruginosa, nonspecific esterase activity, Fc receptors, oxidative burst, IL-1, TNF beta and IL-6 secretion, and replicative response to exogenous growth factors. The cells respond to appropriate microbial, particulate or soluble stimuli with phagocytosis and killing. NR8383 cells respond to bleomycin by secreting latent transforming growth factor (TGF beta). Stimulation with bleomycin also increases TGF beta mRNA expression. These cells are sensitive to endotoxin. LPS levels of 1 to 10 ng/mL inhibit replication by 50%. LPS inhibition is nontoxic and reversible even after levels up to 0.001 mg/mL for extended periods.

References

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Biosafety Level: 1

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