



## Product Sheet

# CEM/C2 (ATCC® CRL-2264™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen  
vapor  
temperature**

Biosafety Level  
**1**

### 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 RPMI-1640 Medium, ATCC [30-2001](#). To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum (ATCC [30-2020](#)) to a final concentration of 10%.

### Citation of Strain

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## Description

**Organism:** *Homo sapiens*, human  
**Disease:** acute lymphoblastic leukemia  
**Cell Type:** T lymphoblast  
**Age:** 4 years  
**Gender:** female  
**Morphology:** lymphoblast  
**Growth Properties:** suspension  
**DNA Profile:**  
Amelogenin: X  
CSF1PO: 11  
D13S317: 11,12  
D16S539: 10,13  
D5S818: 13  
D7S820: 9,8,3  
THO1: 6,7  
TPOX: 8  
vWA: 17,19

## 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.

### Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells

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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 **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. It is recommended that the cryoprotective agent be removed immediately. Centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 125 xg for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in an appropriate amount of fresh growth medium.
4. Transfer the vial contents to an appropriate size vessel and dilute with the recommended complete culture medium (see the specific batch information for the recommended dilution ratio). 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 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% CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet



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## 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 37°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 2-5 x 10<sup>5</sup> viable cells/ml in the shipping medium.
4. Incubate the culture, horizontally, at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere. Maintain the cell density of the culture as suggested under the subculture procedure.



## Subculturing Procedure

**Protocol:** Cultures can be maintained by addition or replacement of medium. Establish new cultures at 2 X 10 exp5 viable cells/ml and maintain between 1 X 10 exp5 and 2 X 10 exp6.

**Medium Renewal:** Every 2 to 3 days



## Cryopreservation Medium

### Cryoprotectant 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

CEM/C2 is a camptothecin (CPT) resistant derivative of the human T cell leukemia cell line CCRF-CEM (see ATCC CCL-119).

The cell line was selected and subcloned in 1991 for resistance to CPT.

The cells are approximately 970-fold less sensitive to CPT than the parental CEM cells.

CEM/C2 cells exhibit cross resistance to both the water soluble (topotecan) and water insoluble (9-amino-CPT and 10,11-methylenedioxy-CPT) analogs of CPT.

CEM/C2 cells are also cross resistant to etoposide, dactinomycin, bleomycin, mitoxantrone, 4'-(9-acridinylamino)methanesulfon-m-anisidide, and the anthracyclines daunorubicin and doxorubicin but retain sensitivity to the Vinca alkaloid vincristine.

CEM/C2 cells display atypical multidrug resistance (MDR), altered topoisomerase I catalytic activity and a unique topoisomerase I mutation (Asn722Ser).

Resistance to CPT is stable for up to six months.



## References

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