



Product Sheet

## HCC38 (ATCC® CRL-2314™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen  
vapor phase**

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Biosafety Level  
**1**

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## Description

**Organism:** *Homo sapiens*, human

**Tissue:** mammary gland; breast/duct

**Disease:** TNM stage IIB, grade 3, primary ductal carcinoma

**Cell Type:** Epithelial

**Age:** 50 years adult

**Gender:** female

**Morphology:** epithelial

**Growth Properties:** adherent, single cells and loosely attached clusters

### DNA Profile:

Amelogenin: X

CSF1PO: 12

D13S317: 12,14

D16S539: 10,14

D5S818: 9

D7S820: 10

THO1: 9,3

TPOX: 9,12

vWA: 16,17

**Cytogenetic Analysis:** Number of cells examined = 59; Modal Chromosome Number = 75 with a range of 65 to 79; Polyploidy Rate = 22% HCC38 contains a homozygous deletion at 3p12. At least 45 distinct derivative chromosomes were detected in most metaphases, including two large metacentric markers which are approximately 1.5 times longer than a normal A group chromosome. Other derivative chromosomes: del(1)(q24); del(1)(p22); del(1)(p13); add(1)(p12); del(2)(p16); add(3)(q10); del(3)(q13); ?del(4)(q13) (two copies per cell); del(5)?(q23q33); der(7)(pterOq11::?hsr); del(7)(p?); del(9)(p12); add(9)(p10); ?der(11); add(12)(q24)(very long); add(14)(p11); add(17)(p12); der(18); der(X); plus approx. 17-24 markers of unknown origin per cell. This is a hyper-triploid human cell line with a modal chromosome number of 75. Homogeneously staining regions and dicentric chromosomes were observed. Every chromosome pair had a least one rearrangement. No normal X chromosomes were observed and Y chromosomes were absent by QM staining. The following structural rearrangements were observed in 30 metaphases: an acentric fragment in 2/30 metaphases, a minute in 3/30, a chromosome break in 3/30, a chromatid break in 5/30, a ring chromosome in 1/30, and double minutes in 11/30 (1-5 copies). Pulverized chromosomes were reported in 5% of metaphases. C-banding revealed that several of the large markers are dicentric. No normal X chromosomes were observed and Y chromosomes were absent by QM staining. Normal copies of chromosomes 2,6,11,13,16 and 20 were seen. Composite karyotype: 65-79<3n> der(X), -1,-1,-1, del(1)(q24), del(1)(p22),del(1)(p13),add(1)(p12),-2,del(2)(p16)x2,-3,-3,-3, ?add(3)(q10),del(3)(q13)x2,-4,-4,-4, ?del(4)(q13)x2,-5, -5,-5,del(5)?(q23q33)x2,-6,-6,-7,-7,-7,der(7)(pterOq11::?hsr), del(7)(p?)x2,-8,-8,-8,-9,-9,-9,del(9)(p12)x2,add(9)(p10)x2, -10,-10,-10,-11,?der(11),-12,-12,-12, add(12)(q24), -13,-13,-14,-14,-14,add(14)(p11)x2,-15,-15,-15,-17,-17,-17, add(17)(p12)x2,-18,-18,-18,der(18),-19,-19,-19,-21,-21, -22,-22,+17 to 24 mar[cp11].

## 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

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. Transfer the vial contents to a 75 cm<sup>2</sup> tissue culture flask 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 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).
4. 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.

**Note:** If it is desired that the cryoprotective agent be removed immediately, or that a more concentrated cell suspension be obtained, centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cells with fresh growth medium at the dilution ratio recommended in the specific batch information.



### 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% CO<sub>2</sub> 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 cm<sup>2</sup> flask. Incubate at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere until cells are ready to be subcultured.



### Subculturing Procedure

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm<sup>2</sup> flask; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes.

1. Remove and discard culture medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cell layer with 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin-0.53 mM EDTA solution to remove all traces of serum that contains trypsin inhibitor.
3. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of Trypsin-EDTA solution to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually within 5 to 15 minutes).  
**Note:** To avoid clumping do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the flask while waiting for the cells to detach. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.
4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 mL of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. Add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels.
6. Incubate cultures at 37°C

**Subculture Ratio:** 1:2 to 1:4

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

**Note:** For more information on enzymatic dissociation and subculturing of cell lines consult Chapter 10 in

**Culture of Animal Cells, a manual of Basic Technique** by R. Ian Freshney, 3rd edition, published by Alan R. Liss, N.Y., 1994.



### 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

HCC38 is positive for the epithelial cell specific marker Epithelial Glycoprotein 2 [EGP2] and for cytokeratin 19, and is negative for expression of estrogen receptor (ER) and progesterone receptor (PR). The cells are negative for expression of Her2-neu but positive for expression of p53

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The tumor was classified as TMN Stage IIB, Grade 3, with 3/28 lymph node metastasis.

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