Storage Temp.
liquid nitrogen
vapor phase

Biosafety Level
2

Organism: *Homo sapiens*, human
Tissue: peripheral blood
Disease: malignant non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Cell Type: natural killer cell; NK cell
Age: 50 years
Gender: male
Morphology: lymphoblast
Growth Properties: suspension, multicell aggregates

Viral Testing: ATCC confirmed this cell line is positive for the presence of Epstein-Barr viral DNA sequences via PCR.

DNA Profile:
Amelogenin: X,Y
CSF1PO: 11,12
D13S317: 9,12
D16S539: 11,12
D5S818: 12,13
D7S820: 10,11
TH01: 6,9,3
TPOX: 8
vWA: 18

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.

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 freshly thawed cells drop by drop into a centrifuge tube containing 9.0 mL complete culture medium and spin at approximately 125 x g for 10 minutes. Discard supernatant. Resuspend the cells at an initial seeding density of 4 X 10⁶ viable cells/mL.
4. Resuspend the cell pellet with the recommended complete medium and dispense into a 25 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.
Cultures can be maintained by addition or replacement of medium. When replacing media, centrifuge cells and resuspend cell pellet in fresh medium at 2 to 3 x 10^6 viable cells/mL. These cells tend to grow in aggregates that may lose viability when they are dispersed. Accurate counts and viabilities may not be possible. Conning® T-75 flasks (catalog #431464) are recommended for subculturing this product. NK-92 cells are extremely sensitive to overgrowth and media exhaustion.

**Medium Renewal:** Replace with fresh medium every 2 to 3 days (depending on cell density)

**Note:** Successful growth of this cell line is very dependent upon the quality of IL-2 used in the growth medium. ATCC recommends using the highest quality IL-2 available.

### Cryopreservation Medium

Complete growth medium, 40%; fetal bovine serum, 50%; DMSO, 10%. Cell culture tested DMSO is available as ATCC Catalog No. 4-X.

### Comments

The cell line is dependent on the presence of recombinant IL-2 and a dose as low as 10 U/mL is sufficient to maintain proliferation; cells will die within 72 hours in the absence of IL-2. NK-92 cells have the following characteristics: surface marker positive for CD2, CD7, CD11a, CD28, CD45, CD54 and CD56 bright; surface marker negative for CD1, CD3, CD4, CD5, CD6, CD10, CD14, CD16, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD34 and HLA-DR.

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### References

References and other information relating to this product are available online at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the current publication of the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes for Health.

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