



Product Sheet

# VK2/E6E7 (ATCC® CRL-2616™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen**  
vapor phase

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

## 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

Keratinocyte-Serum Free medium (GIBCO-BRL 17005-042) with 0.1 ng/ml human recombinant EGF, 0.05 mg/ml bovine pituitary extract, and additional calcium chloride 44.1 mg/L (final concentration 0.4 mM)

## Citation of Strain

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## Description

**Organism:** *Homo sapiens*, human  
**Tissue:** vagina, mucosa  
**Disease:** Endometriosis  
**Cell Type:** epithelial HPV-16 E6/E7 transformed  
**Age:** 32 years adult  
**Gender:** female  
**Morphology:** epithelial  
**Growth Properties:** adherent  
**DNA Profile:**  
Amelogenin: X  
CSF1PO: 10, 11  
D5S818: 9, 10, 11  
D13S317: 9, 12  
D7S820: 10, 11  
D16S539: 9  
vWA: 16  
THO1: 7, 9.3  
TPOX: 11

## 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. It is recommended that the cryoprotective agent be removed immediately. Transfer the vial contents to a centrifuge tube containing 9.0 mL complete culture medium. Centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in an appropriate amount of fresh growth medium.
4. Transfer the cells an appropriate size vessel. 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.

## 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.



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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 5 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.

**Note:** The cells should not be allowed to become confluent, subculture at 60 to 90% of confluence.

1. Remove and discard culture medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cell layer with 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin-0.03% (w/v) 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. Neutralize the trypsin by adding 6.0 to 8.0 ml of a 1:1 mixture of Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium and Ham's F12 medium (DMEM:F-12, ATCC Catalog No. 30-2006), containing 10% fetal bovine serum. Aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. To remove trypsin-EDTA solution, transfer cell suspension to centrifuge tube and spin at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes
6. Discard supernatant and resuspend cells in fresh serum-free growth medium. Add appropriate aliquots of cell suspension to new culture vessels.
7. Place culture vessels in incubators at 37°C. Cells will not attach well for 24 hours after subculture.

**Subcultivation ratio:** 1:3 to 1:5

**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

A 1:1 mixture of Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium and Ham's F12 medium (DMEM:F-12, ATCC Catalog No. 30-2006), 85%; fetal bovine serum, 10%; DMSO, 5%.

Cell culture tested DMSO is available as ATCC Catalog No. 4-X.



### Comments

The endocervical cell line expresses characteristics of simple columnar epithelium, whereas the ectocervical and vaginal cell lines express characteristics of stratified squamous nonkeratinizing epithelia.

Without stimulation, all three cell lines produce macrophage colony-stimulating factor (M-CSF), transforming growth factor beta1, interleukin 8 (IL-8), prostaglandin E2, the secretory leukoproteinase inhibitor, and the polymeric immunoglobulin receptor.

The endocervical cell line (End1/E6E7), but not the others, also produce the lymphopoietic cytokines IL-6, IL-7, and consistently detectable levels of the chemokine known as "regulated-upon-activation, normal T cell expressed and secreted" (RANTES).

Stimulation with interferon gamma and tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF alpha) induces or significantly up-regulates expression of several of the cytokines and chemokines as well as major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class II antigens in the lines.


Piliated, but not nonpiliated, Neisseria gonorrhoea strain F62 variants actively invade these epithelial cell lines. Invasion of these cells by green fluorescent protein-expressing gonococci is characterized by colocalization of gonococci with F actin.



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