



Product Sheet

# Fugu eye (ATCC® CRL-2641™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen**  
vapor phase

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Biosafety Level  
**1**

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## Description

**Organism:** *Fugu rubripes*, torafugu  
**Tissue:** eye  
**Disease:** normal  
**Age:** juvenile juvenile  
**Morphology:** epithelial  
**Growth Properties:** adherent  
**Cytogenetic Analysis:** diploid

## Batch-Specific Information

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for batch-specific test results.

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## 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.

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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 **21 to 23°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.
5. Incubate the culture at **21 to 23°C** in a suitable incubator. If using the medium described on this product sheet, the medium formulation was devised for use in a free gas exchange with **atmospheric air**. A CO<sub>2</sub> and air mixture is detrimental to cells when using this medium for cultivation.

## 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. 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).
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shipping medium can be saved for reuse. Incubate the cells at **21 to 23°C** without CO<sub>2</sub> 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 xg 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 **21 to 23°** without CO<sub>2</sub> until cells are ready to be subcultured.



### Subculturing Procedure

#### Protocol:

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 21 to 23°C to facilitate dispersal.
4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 ml of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. To remove trypsin-EDTA solution, transfer cell suspension to centrifuge tube and spin at approximately 125 xg for 5 to 10 minutes.
6. Discard supernatant and resuspend cells in fresh growth medium. Add appropriate aliquots of cell suspension to new culture vessels.
7. Incubate cultures at 21 to 23°C without CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Subcultivation Ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:3 to 1:4 is recommended; cell density must be high.

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



### Cryopreservation Medium

#### Cryoprotectant 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 Fugu eye cell line was established in 1996 from normal eye tissue.

Fugu cells maintain an unusually compact genome size with small introns.

They are telomerase positive.

The cell line may be used for in vitro vertebrate genome studies, and in marine fish and aquaculture research.



### References

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