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 DMEM:F12 Medium (ATCC® 30-2006™). To make the complete growth medium, add hTERT RPTEC Growth Kit (ATCC® ACS-4007™) to the base medium. The final concentration for each growth kit component in the complete hTERT immortalized RPTEC growth medium is as follows:

- 5 µM triodo-L-thyronine
- 10 ng/mL recombinant human EGF
- 3.5 µg/mL ascorbic acid
- 5.0 µg/mL human transferrin
- 5.0 µg/mL insulin
- 25 ng/mL prostaglandin E1
- 25 ng/mL hydrocortisone
- 8.65 ng/mL sodium selenite
- 1.2 mg/mL sodium bicarbonate

Required but not supplied: G418 solution MUST be added to the above medium to a final concentration of 0.1 mg/mL G418 to maintain the selective pressure for immortalization.

Note: Do not filter complete medium.

This medium is formulated for use with a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere.

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 ensure the highest level of viability, thaw the vial and initiate the culture as soon as possible upon receipt. If storage of the frozen culture is necessary upon arrival, store the vial in liquid nitrogen vapor phase and NOT at -70°C. Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.

1. Prepare a 25 cm² or a 75 cm² culture flask containing the recommended complete culture medium. Prior to the addition of the vial contents, the vessel containing the growth medium should be placed in the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0 to 7.6) and to avoid excessive alkalinization of the medium during recovery of the cells.
2. 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).
3. 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 operations from this point on should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
4. Transfer the vial contents to a centrifuge tube containing 9.0 mL of complete culture medium and centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 250 x g for 5 to 7 minutes.
5. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cells in fresh growth medium (see the batch-specific information for the recommended dilution ratio). Add this suspension to the prepared culture vessel.
6. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator.
7. A 5% CO₂/95% air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

Handling Procedure for Flask Cultures

The flask was seeded with cells, incubated, 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% CO₂ 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 pellet cells in 10 mL of this medium and add to 25 cm² flask. Incubate at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere until cells are ready to be subcultured.

### Population Doubling Capacity

As part of our quality control, we have tested this cell line for its ability to grow for a minimum of 15 population doublings after recovery from cryopreservation. In addition, it has been verified that no gross changes are observed in karyotype and morphology during the first 10 population doublings.

### Subculturing Procedure

Volumes are given for a 75 cm² flask; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes.

1. Subculture when the culture is about 90% confluence. Expected cell yield is between 1.5 x 10⁶ and 2 x 10⁷ viable cells/cm².
2. Remove and discard culture medium.
3. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of 0.25% (w/v) trypsin-0.53 mM EDTA solution to the flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until the cell layer is dispersed (usually within 3 to 8 minutes). Note: To avoid clumping do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the flask while waiting for the cells to detach. Place at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.
4. To stop trypsinization, add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of 0.1% Soybean Trypsin Inhibitor and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. Transfer cell suspension to a 15-mL centrifuge tube and spin at approximately 250 x g for 5 to 10 minutes.
6. Discard supernatant and resuspend cells in fresh growth medium. Add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels. An inoculum of 4 to 6 x 10⁴ viable cells/cm² is recommended.
7. Incubate cultures at 37°C.

**Subcultivation ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:3 to 1:4 is recommended.

**Medium renewal:** 2 to 3 times weekly


### Cryopreservation Medium

DMEM:F12, 90%; DMSO, 10%

Store in liquid nitrogen vapor. Avoid immersing vials into liquid nitrogen.

### Comments

The RPTEC/TERT1 cells specifically respond to parathyroid hormone (PTH) but not arginine vasopressin (AVP), and react with enhanced ammonia genesis on lowering of the environmental pH. The RPTEC/TERT1 cells exhibit sodium-dependent uptake of phosphate as well as intact functionality of the megalin/cubilin transport system.

RPTEC/TERT1 cells show the characteristic morphology and functional properties of normal proximal tubular epithelial cells. At high cell densities, the RPTEC/TERT1 cells form characteristic “domes”, maintain ultrastructural organization with tight junctions, densely packed microvilli and primary cilium, indicating functional cell polarization. When cultured on the Corning™ Transwell™ Permeable membrane cell culture insert, the RPTEC/TERT1 cells at confluence form intact functional barrier as indicated by stabilized Trans-Epithelial Electrical Resistance (TEER) across the membrane.

### References

References and other information relating to this product are available online at www.atcc.org.
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