



Product Sheet

# HBEC3-KT (ATCC® CRL-4051™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen  
vapor phase**

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

## Intended Use

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## Complete Growth Medium

Airway Epithelial Cell Basal Medium (ATCC PCS-300-030) supplemented with Bronchial Epithelial Cell Growth Kit (ATCC PCS-300-040)

## Citation of Strain

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## Description

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

**Immortalization Method:** The HBEC3-KT cell line was established by infecting primary human bronchial epithelial cell culture with human telomerase (hTERT) and mouse cyclin dependent kinase 4 (CDK4) expressing retrovirus constructs and selecting with Puromycin and G418 as described in PMID: 15604268 (Ref).

**Tissue:** lung, bronchial

**Disease:** normal

**Cell Type:** epithelial

**Age:** 65

**Gender:** female

**Morphology:** epithelial, packed cuboidal

**Growth Properties:** adherent

**DNA Profile:** D5S818: 12

D13S317: 12, 13

D7S820: 8, 12

D16S539: 9, 12

vWA: 15, 17

Amelogenin: X

TPOX: 11, 12

CSF1PO: 10, 11

TH01: 9,3

**Cytogenetic Analysis:** Cytogenetic analysis was performed on G-banded metaphase cells from the human cell line HBEC3-KT, and demonstrated mixed population of clones with near-diploid or tetraploid abnormal female karyotypes. Unbalanced translocations der(16)t(5;16)(q11.2;q24) and der(13)t(8;13)(q13.1;p11.1) as well as an extra copy of chromosome 20 with additional translocation +add(20)(q13.3) are observed in these clones. These aberrations result in partial trisomies of chromosome 5, 8 or 20 which have been found in a previous aCGH microarray analysis of HBEC3-KT (PMID: 15604268)

## 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 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 cm<sup>2</sup> or a 75 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 alkalinity 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 3.0 mL of complete culture medium, mix gently, then slowly add an additional 7.0 mL of complete growth medium and centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 1000 rpm for 5 minutes at room temperature.



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5. Discard the supernatant (ENSURING THAT AS MUCH OF THE FBS/DMSO IS REMOVED AS THESE CELLS ARE SENSITIVE TO IT) and resuspend the cells in 3 mL of fresh growth medium. Count the cells and seed at recommended seeding density.
6. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator.



### 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. Upon receipt visually examine the culture for macroscopic evidence of any microbial contamination.

1. 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 with 5% 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 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 with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> 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. We have also compared its karyotype, telomerase expression level, growth rate, morphology and tissue-specific markers when first recovered from cryopreservation with that of cells at 10+ population doublings to ensure that there is no change in these parameters and that the cells are capable of extended proliferation.



### Subculturing Procedure

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

Subculture when the culture is about 70-80% confluent.

1. Remove and discard spent medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cells with Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline (DPBS, ATCC 30-2200), 1 mL / 25 cm<sup>2</sup> and discard rinse solution.
3. Add Trypsin-EDTA, at 1 mL / 25 cm<sup>2</sup>, for Primary Cells (ATCC PCS-999-003) to the flask. Incubate at 37°C for 4-6 min (until 90% of the cells have detached).
4. Rapt flask gently to ensure cells are detached. Add 2% FBS in DPBS at 1 mL / 25 cm<sup>2</sup> to neutralize the trypsin.
5. Centrifuge cells at 1000rpm for 5 min at room temperature.
6. Remove supernatant. Resuspend pellet in 6.0 to 8.0 mL Complete Growth Medium.
7. Count cells, and seed 4.0 x 10<sup>3</sup> to 6.0 x 10<sup>3</sup> viable cells/cm<sup>2</sup> to new culture vessels.

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

Note: Cells are sensitive to FBS solution.



### Cryopreservation Medium

80% complete growth media, 10% DMSO, 10% FBS



### 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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