



## Product Sheet

# NCI-H446 [H446] (ATCC® HTB-171™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen**  
vapor phase

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Biosafety Level  
**1**

### 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 RPMI-1640 Medium, ATCC [30-2001](#). To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium: fetal bovine serum (ATCC [30-2020](#)) to a final concentration of 10%.

### Citation of Strain

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## Description

**Organism:** *Homo sapiens*, human  
**Tissue:** lung; derived from metastatic site: pleural effusion  
**Disease:** carcinoma; small cell lung cancer  
**Age:** 61 years  
**Gender:** male  
**Morphology:** epithelial  
**Growth Properties:** mixed, adherent and suspension  
**Isoenzymes:**  
AK-1, 1  
ES-D, 1  
G6PD, B  
GLO-I, 2  
Me-2, 0  
PGM1, 1-2  
PGM3, 1  
**DNA Profile:**  
Amelogenin: X,Y  
CSF1PO: 13,14  
D13S317: 8  
D16S539: 12  
D5S818: 11  
D7S820: 10,11  
THO1: 8,9,3  
TPOX: 9,11  
vWA: 18,19

**Cytogenetic Analysis:** This is a hypertriploid human cell line. The modal chromosome number is 74, occurring at 22% with polyploidy at 2.5%. Over 25 markers were common to most cells including inv(1)(p32q21), der(1)t(1:4)(q42;q11), i(5q), t(2p13q) and der(19)t(7;HSR;19)(q11;HSR;p13.3). Structurally normal N1 and N13 were absent and normal N4, N5 and N10 were mostly single copies per cell. There were two X/Y pairs per cell.

## 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 vial contents to 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).



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4. 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.

If it is desired that the cryoprotective agent be removed immediately, or that a more concentrated cell suspension be obtained, centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cells with fresh growth medium at the dilution ratio recommended in the specific batch information.



### 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.

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
2. Incubate the flask in an upright position for several hours at 37°C. After the temperature has equilibrated, aseptically remove the entire contents of the flask and centrifuge at 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove shipping medium and save for reuse. Resuspend the cell pellet in 10 mL of this medium.
3. From this cell suspension remove a sample for a cell count and viability.
4. Incubate the culture, horizontally, at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere.



### Subculturing Procedure

This is a cell line that grows as both attached and suspended cells. The suspended cells are viable and can be used for subculture. To subculture the attached cells, remove the old medium (recover the suspended cells by centrifugation if desired), rinse the monolayer with fresh 0.25% trypsin, 0.53 mM EDTA and let the culture sit at 37°C until the cells detach. Add fresh medium, disperse cells and transfer to a new flask.

**Subcultivation Ratio:** A subcultivation ratio of 1:3 to 1:9 is recommended

**Medium Renewal:** 2 to 3 times per week



### Cryopreservation Medium

Complete culture medium described above supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO. Cell culture tested DMSO is available as ATCC Catalog No. 4-X.



### Comments

The morphology of the original tumor was not characteristic of SCLC.

The line is a biochemical and morphological variant of SCLC that expresses neuron specific enolase and the brain isoenzyme of creatine kinase.

It does not have detectable levels of L-DOPA decarboxylase, bombesin, vasopressin, oxytocin or gastrin releasing peptide.

C-myc DNA sequences are amplified about 20 fold, and there is a 15 fold increase in c-myc RNA relative to normal cells.

The line was originally propagated in serum free RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10 nM hydrocortisone, 0.005 mg/mL insulin, 0.01 mg/mL transferrin, 10 nM 17-beta-estradiol, and 30 nM sodium selenite.

The cells form transplantable tumors with non-typical SCLC histology.



### References

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### Biosafety Level: 1

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.

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