Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes; Normal, Human, Adult (HEKa) (ATCC® PCS-200-011™)

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Storage Temp.
-130°C or below

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.

Citation of Strain

If use of this culture results in a scientific publication, it should be cited in that manuscript in the following manner: Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes; Normal, Human, Adult (HEKa) (ATCC® PCS-200-011™)

Description

ATCC® Normal Adult Human Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes, when grown in Dermal Cell Basal Media supplemented with Keratinocyte Growth Kit components, provide an ideal cell system to propagate keratinocytes in serum-free (not animal free) conditions. The cells are cryopreserved in the first passage to ensure the highest viability and plating efficiency. ATCC® Primary Cell Solutions™ cells, media, supplements and reagents are quality tested together to guarantee optimum performance and reliability.

Components: One vial of Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes, Normal, Human, Adult (ATCC® PCS-200-011™) containing a minimum of 5 x 10^5 viable cells (provided).

Also Required:

A. One bottle of Dermal Cell Basal Medium (ATCC® PCS-200-030) plus one Keratinocyte Growth Kit (ATCC® PCS-200-040) that contains the following growth supplements: Bovine Pituitary Extract (BPE), rh TGF-α, L-glutamine, hydrocortisone hemisuccinate, insulin, epinephrine and apo-transferrin.

B. Optional media supplements:
   1. Gentamicin-Amphotericin B Solution (ATCC® PCS-999-025)
   2. Penicillin-Streptomycin-Amphotericin B Solution (ATCC® PCS-999-002)
   3. Phenol Red (ATCC® PCS-999-001)

C. Reagents for subculture
   1. D-PBS (ATCC® 30-2200)
   2. Trypsin-EDTA for Primary Cells (ATCC® PCS-999-003) containing 0.05% Trypsin and 0.02% EDTA. Note: Do not use other trypsin-EDTA concentrations with ATCC® PCS-200-011.
   3. Trypsin Neutralizing Solution (ATCC® PCS-999-004)

Cell Characteristics

Tissue: skin (epidermis)

Morphology: Cobblestone appearance; cells are rounded, not flat; cells display a high mitotic index; at near 80% confluence, the cells will be associated with each other in colonies.

Growth Properties: adherent

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.

Preparation of Complete Growth Medium

1. Obtain one Keratinocyte Growth Kit from the freezer; make sure that the caps of all components are tight.
2. Thaw the components of the growth kit just prior to adding them to the basal medium. It is necessary to warm the L-glutamine component in a 37°C water bath and shake to dissolve any precipitates prior to adding to the basal medium.
3. Obtain one bottle of Dermal Cell Basal Medium (485 mL) from cold storage.
4. Decontaminate the external surfaces of all growth kit component vials and the basal medium bottle by spraying them with 70% ethanol.
5. Using aseptic technique and working in a laminar flow hood or biosafety cabinet, transfer the
indicated volume of each growth kit component, as indicated in Table 1, to the bottle of basal medium using a separate sterile pipette for each transfer.

6. Tightly cap the bottle of complete growth medium and swirl the contents gently to assure a homogeneous solution. Do not shake forcefully to avoid foaming. Label and date the bottle.

7. Complete growth media should be stored in the dark at 2°C to 8°C (do not freeze). When stored under these conditions, complete growth media is stable for 30 days.

Table 1. Keratinocyte Growth Kit Components

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<tr>
<td>Bovine Pituitary Extract (BPE)</td>
<td>2.0 mL</td>
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<td>rh TGF-α</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
<td>0.5 ng/mL</td>
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<td>L-Glutamine</td>
<td>15.0 mL</td>
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<td>Hydrocortisone Hemisuccinate</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
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<td>rh Insulin</td>
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<td>Epinephrine</td>
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<td>Apo-Transferrin</td>
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Antimicrobials and phenol red are not required for proliferation but may be added if desired. The recommended volume of either of the optional components (GA solution or PSA solution) to be added to the complete growth media is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Addition of Antimicrobials/Antimycotics and Phenol Red (Optional)

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<td>Gentamicin-Amphotericin B Solution</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
<td>Gentamicin: 10 µg/mL Amphotericin B: 0.25 µg/mL</td>
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<td>Penicillin-Streptomycin-Amphotericin B Solution</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
<td>Penicillin: 10 Units/mL Streptomycin: 10 µg/mL Amphotericin B: 25 ng/mL</td>
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<td>Phenol Red</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
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Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells and Initiation of Culture

1. Refer to the batch specific information for the total number of viable cells recovered from this lot of ATCC PCS-200-011.

2. Using the total number of viable cells, determine how much surface area can be inoculated to achieve an initial seeding density between 5,000 and 8,000 cells per cm².

3. Prepare the desired combination of flasks. Add 5 mL of complete growth medium per 25 cm² of surface area. Place the flasks in a 37°C, 5% CO₂ humidified incubator and allow the media to pre-equilibrate to temperature and pH for 30 minutes prior to adding cells.
Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells and Initiation of Culture

1. Remove the vial from the freezer; do not thaw. Place vial in a 37°C water bath.
2. While the culture flasks equilibrate, remove one vial of ATCC PCS-200-011 from storage and thaw the cells 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 1 to 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 onward should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
4. Place the seeded culture flasks in the incubator at 37°C, 5% CO₂ atmosphere. Incubate for at least 24 hours before processing the cells further.

Subculturing

1. Passage normal keratinocytes when the culture has reached approximately 70% to 80% confluence.
2. Warm both the Trypsin-EDTA for Primary Cells (ATCC PCS-999-003) and the Trypsin Neutralizing Solution (ATCC PCS-999-004) to room temperature prior to dissociation. Warm the complete growth medium to 37°C prior to use with the cells.
3. For each flask, carefully aspirate the spent medium without disturbing the monolayer.
4. Rinse the cell layer one time with 3 to 5 mL D-PBS (ATCC 30-2200) to remove residual medium.
5. Add pre-warmed trypsin-EDTA solution (1 to 2 mL for every 25 cm²) to each flask.
6. Gently rock each flask to ensure complete coverage of the trypsin-EDTA solution over the cells, and then aspirate the excess fluid off of the monolayer.
7. Observe the cells under the microscope. When the cells pull away from each other and round up (typically within 3 to 6 minutes), remove the flask from the microscope and gently tap it from several sides to promote detachment of the cells from the flask surface. If cells are difficult to detach, incubate each flask containing cells and the trypsin-EDTA solution at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.
8. When the majority of cells appear to have detached, quickly add an equal volume of the Trypsin Neutralizing Solution (ATCC PCS-999-004) to each flask. Gently pipette or swirl the culture to ensure all of the trypsin-EDTA solution has been neutralized.
9. Transfer the dissociated cells to a sterile centrifuge tube and set aside while processing any remaining cells in the culture flask.
10. Add 3 to 5 mL D-PBS (ATCC 30-2200) to the tissue culture flask to collect any additional cells that might have been left behind.
11. Transfer the cells/D-PBS suspension to the centrifuge tube containing the trypsin-EDTA-dissociated cells.
12. Repeat steps 10 and 11 as needed until all cells have been collected from the flask.
13. Centrifuge the cells at 150 x g for 3 to 5 minutes.
14. Aspirate neutralized dissociation solution from the cell pellet and resuspend the cells in 2 to 8 mL fresh, pre-warmed, complete growth medium.
15. Count the cells and seed new culture flasks at a density of 2,500 to 5,000 cells per cm².
16. Place newly seeded flasks in a 37°C, 5% CO₂ incubator for at least 24 to 48 hours before processing the cells further. Refer to Maintenance for guidelines on feeding.
Growth
Each lot of ATCC® PCS-200-011 is tested to ensure the cells will grow for ≥ 15 population doublings after thaw in complete growth media (Dermal Cell Basal Medium plus one Keratinocyte Growth Kit).
Viability: ≥ 70% when thawed from cryopreservation.

Sterility Testing
Bacteria and Yeast: Negative
Mycoplasma: Negative

Viral Testing
Hepatitis B: Negative
Hepatitis C: Negative
HIV: Negative

Specific Staining
Positive for PanCK, negative for Mel-5, negative for TE-7

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. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes for Health.

Human Material Precaution
All tissues used for isolation are obtained under informed consent and conform to HIPAA standards to protect the privacy of the donor’s personal health information. It is best to use caution when handling any human cells. We recommend that all human cells be accorded the same level of biosafety consideration as cells known to carry HIV. With infectious virus assays or viral antigen assays, even a negative test result may leave open the possible existence of a latent viral genome.

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