Description

Organism: *Mus musculus*, mouse
Tissue: Liver; stroma
Cell Type: Fibroblast SV40 immortalized, SV40 transformed
Age: 14 to 14.5 day gestation embryo
Morphology: Fibroblast
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.

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 To insure the highest level of viability, be sure to warm media to 37°C before using it on the cells.

Flasks do not need to be coated before plating MEFs.

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.
2. Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are half way thawed (approximately 90 seconds), 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’s contents plus 5 mL of complete medium (see below for recipe) to a 15 mL centrifuge tube. Use an additional 1 mL of medium to rinse the vial and transfer the liquid to the 15 mL tube. Add 4 mL of complete medium to bring the total volume to 10 mL.
4. Gently mix and pellet the cells by centrifugation @ 270 x g for 5 minutes.
5. Discard the supernatant, resuspend the cells in fresh growth medium (warm), and transfer to the appropriate size flask.
6. Incubate 37°C in a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere.
7. Fluid change twice a week or when pH decreases. 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).

Cells should be plated 24 hours before use as a feeder layer for ES cells and kept for no more than 7 days.

Handling Procedure for Flask Cultures

To insure the highest level of viability, be sure to warm media to 37°C before using it on the cells.

Flasks do not need to be coated before plating MEFs.

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.
2. Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are half way thawed (approximately 90 seconds), 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’s contents plus 5 mL of complete medium (see below for recipe) to a 15 mL centrifuge tube. Use an additional 1 mL of medium to rinse the vial and transfer the liquid to the 15 mL tube. Add 4 mL of complete medium to bring the total volume to 10 mL.
4. Gently mix and pellet the cells by centrifugation @ 270 × g for 5 minutes.
5. Discard the supernatant, resuspend the cells in fresh growth medium (warm), and transfer to the appropriate size flask.
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Subculturing Procedure

Medium Renewal: twice a week or when pH decreases

Comments

These cells have been growth-arrested by irradiation with 12,000 rads. The cells will begin to deteriorate 2 weeks after plating and may no longer support the growth of cells. We recommend that you do not keep the cells in culture for longer than 2 weeks.

It is recommended that the feeder cells be plated 24 hours before use at 5 to 6 × 10⁶ cells/T75 in order to obtain a 100% confluent monolayer for stem cells growth. Once the feeder cells have attached, the culture medium can be changed to accommodate the cells to be supported.

References

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Biosafety Level: 2

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