Organism: *Mus musculus*, mouse
Strain: BALB/c
Disease: Abelson murine leukemia virus-induced tumor
Cell Type: monocyte
Growth Properties: suspension

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for batch-specific test results.

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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.

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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 two 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 a centrifuge tube containing 9.0 ml complete growth medium and spin at approximately 125 xg for 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete growth medium (see the specific batch information for the culture recommended dilution ratio), and dispense into a 25 cm² or a 75 cm² culture flask. 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 complete 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).
5. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product.

Subculturing Procedure

Medium Renewal: Every 2 to 3 days
Cultures can be maintained by addition or replacement of fresh medium. Start cultures at 2 x 10 exp5 cells/ml and maintain between 2 x 10 exp5 and 2 x 10 exp6 cells/ml.

Cryopreservation Medium

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

**Comments**

Derived from an Abelson induced tumor in a BALB/c mouse. Tested and found negative for ectromelia virus (mousepox).

**References**

References and other information relating to this product are available online at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

**Biosafety Level: 2**

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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**Complete Growth Medium**

Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium with 4.5 g/L glucose and 0.05 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 90%; fetal bovine serum, 10%

**Citation of Strain**

If use of this culture results in a scientific publication, it should be cited in that manuscript in the following manner: WEHI-265.1 (ATCC® TIB-204™)

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