Product Description: Vaginal Epithelial Cell Basal Medium is a sterile, phenol red-free, liquid tissue culture medium intended for use as one component in a complete ATCC® Primary Cell Solutions™ system. This serum-free system is designed to support vaginal epithelial cells derived from normal human vaginal tissue. Vaginal Epithelial Cell Basal Medium contains essential and non-essential amino acids, vitamins, other organic compounds, trace minerals and inorganic salts. To support the proliferation and plating efficiency of various types of vaginal epithelial cells, Vaginal Cell Basal Medium must be supplemented with the appropriate cell-specific growth kit. When using this complete media system, the growth of vaginal epithelial cells is supported without the use of feeder layers, extracellular matrix proteins or other substrates.

- For vaginal epithelial cells derived from vaginal tissue (e.g., Primary Vaginal Epithelial Cells, Normal, Human, ATCC PCS-480-010), supplement Vaginal Epithelial Cell Basal Medium with the Vaginal Epithelial Cell Growth Kit (ATCC PCS-480-040).
- 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)

Volume: 485 mL

Unpacking and Storage Instructions

1. Check all containers for leakage or breakage.
2. Store the growth kit(s) at either 20°C in a freezer that is not self-defrosting or at 70°C for long term storage. If thawed upon arrival, the Growth Kit can be stored at 2°C to 8°C and added to the basal medium within 72 hours of receipt.

Preparation of Complete Growth Media

1. Obtain one 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. If the growth kit contains L-glutamine, 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 Vaginal Epithelial 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 to the bottle of basal medium using a separate sterile pipette for each.

Table 1. When using the Vaginal Epithelial Cell Growth Kit, add the indicated volume for each component:

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<th>Component</th>
<th>Volume</th>
<th>Final Concentration</th>
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<tr>
<td>L-Glutamine</td>
<td>15 mL</td>
<td>6 mM</td>
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<td>Extract P</td>
<td>4 mL</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Epinephrine</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
<td>1.0 µM</td>
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<td>rh EGF</td>
<td>1 mL</td>
<td>10 ng/mL</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hydrocortisone</td>
<td>0.5 mL</td>
<td>100 ng/mL</td>
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<td>rh Insulin</td>
<td>1 mL</td>
<td>10 µg/mL</td>
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<td>Apo-transferrin</td>
<td>1 mL</td>
<td>10 µg/mL</td>
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Antimicrobials and phenol red are not required for proliferation but may be added if desired. The recommended volume of each optional component to be added to the complete media is summarized in Table 2.

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

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<tr>
<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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<tr>
<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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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 media is stable for 30 days.

Quality Control Specifications

Volume 485 mL  
Endotoxin <0.5 EU/mL
pH 7.5 +/- 0.2
Osmolality 315 +/- 10 mOsm/kg
Sterility Tests Negative for bacteria, fungi, and yeast

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