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BCRJ Code:	0042
Cell Line:	B 95-8
Species:	Saguinus oedipus
Vulgar Name:	Monkey - Cotton-Top Tamarin
Tissue:	Peripheral Blood
Cell Type:	Lymphoblast
Morphology:	Lymphoblast/Fibroblast
Growth Properties:	Semiadherent
Derivation:	Derived from a cotton-top tamarin (Saguinus oedipus). Releases high titres of transforming EBV.
Applications:	Thus it provides a source of EBV to establish continuous lymphocytic lines from human donors.
Products:	EBV
Biosafety:	2
Additional Info:	The cells should be handled under laboratory containment level 2. In some instances the cell line B95-8 has been described as derived from 'marmoset', however, this is not correct. B95-8 was derived from a cotton-top tamarin (Saguinas oedipus); this has been confirmed by DNA profiling.
Culture Medium:	RPMI-1640 medium modified to contain 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 4500 mg/L glucose and fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 10%.

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Subculturing:

Subcultures are prepared by diluting the suspension. Cells on the floor of the flask may be dislodged by aspirating several times with culture medium or by rinsing with 0.25% trypsin - 0.53 mM EDTA solution. NOTE: For more information on enzymatic dissociation and subculturing of cell lines consult Chapter 12 in Culture of Animal Cells, a manual of Basic Technique by R. Ian Freshney, 6th edition, published by Alan R. Liss, N.Y., 2010.

Subculturing Medium Renewal:

Every 2 to 3 days

Subculturing Subcultivation Ratio:

1:5 to 1:10 is recommended

Culture Conditions:

Atmosphere: air, 95%; carbon dioxide (CO₂), 5% Temperature: 37°C

Cryopreservation:

95% FBS + 5% DMSO (Dimethyl sulfoxide)

SAFETY PRECAUTION: It is strongly recommended to always wear protective gloves, clothing, and a full-face mask when handling frozen vials. Some vials may leak when submerged in liquid nitrogen, allowing nitrogen to slowly enter the vial. Upon thawing, the conversion of liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may cause the vial to explode or eject its cap with significant force, creating flying debris.

1. Thaw the vial by gently agitating it in a 37°C water bath. To minimize 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 its contents are thawed and decontaminate it by dipping in or spraying with 70% ethanol. From this point, all operations must be performed under strict aseptic conditions.
3. For cells sensitive to DMSO, it is recommended to remove the cryoprotective agent immediately. Transfer the vial contents to a centrifuge tube containing 9.0 mL of complete culture medium and centrifuge at approximately $125 \times g$ for 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in the recommended complete medium (see specific batch information for the appropriate dilution ratio).
5. Incubate the culture under appropriate atmospheric and temperature conditions (see "Culture Conditions" for this cell line).

NOTE: It is important to avoid excessive alkalinity of the medium during cell recovery. To minimize this risk, it is recommended to place the culture vessel containing the growth medium in the incubator for at least 15 minutes before adding the vial contents. This allows the medium to stabilize at its normal pH (7.0 to 7.6).

Thawing Frozen Cells:

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