

Data Sheet

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BCRJ Code: 0390

Cell Line: HeLa/GFP

Species: Homo sapiens

Vulgar Name: Human

Tissue: Cervix

Cell Type: Epithelial

Morphology: Epithelial

Disease: Adenocarcinoma

Growth Properties: Adherent

Biosafety: 2

Additional Info:

HeLa cells the most widely used cancer cell lines in the world. These cells were taken from a lady called Henrietta Lacks from her cancerous cervical tumor in 1951 which today is known as the HeLa cells. These were the very first cell lines to survive outside the human body and grow. Both GFP and blasticidin-resistant genes are introduced into parental HeLa cells using lentivirus.

Culture Medium:

Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) modified to contain 2 mM L-glutamine, 4500 mg/L glucose, 0,1mM MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids (NEAA), 10% of fetal bovine serum (FBS), 10µg/mL Blasticidin.

Subculturing Medium Renewal:

2 to 3 times per week

Subculturing Subcultivation Ratio:

1:2 to 1:6

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 × 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).

Thawing Frozen Cells:

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).

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