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BCRJ Code:	0357
Cell Line:	Hep 3B
Species:	Homo sapiens
Vulgar Name:	Human
Tissue:	Liver
Morphology:	Epithelial
Disease:	Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Growth Properties:	Adherent
Sex:	Male
Age/Ethnicity:	8 Year / Black
Applications:	This cell line is a suitable transfection host.
Tumor Formation::	Yes, forms tumors in nude mice
Products:	alpha fetoprotein (alpha-fetoprotein); hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg); albumin; alpha2 macroglobulin (alpha-2-macroglobulin); alpha1 antitrypsin (alpha-1-antitrypsin); transferrin;
Biosafety:	2
Additional Info:	Cells contain integrated Hepatitis B virus genome. However there is currently no evidence that this cell line produces infectious Hepatitis B virus.
Culture Medium:	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) with 2 mM L-glutamine and 10% of fetal bovine serum.

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Subculturing:

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm² flask; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes. Remove and discard culture medium. Briefly rinse the cell layer with PBS without calcium and magnesium to remove all traces of serum that contains trypsin inhibitor. Add 1.0 to 3.0 mL of Trypsin-EDTA solution to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until the cell layer is dispersed (usually within 5 to 15 minutes). Note: To avoid clumping do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the flask while waiting for the cells to detach. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal. Add 6.0 to 8.0 mL of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting. Transfer cell suspension to centrifuge tube and spin at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard supernatant and resuspend cells in fresh growth medium. Add appropriate aliquots of cell suspension to new culture vessels. An inoculum of 5 x 10³ to 7 x 10³ viable cells/cm² is recommended. Place culture vessels in incubators at 37°C. Maintain cultures at a cell concentration between 3 x 10⁴ and 5 x 10⁴ cells/cm². 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:

Twice per week

Subculturing Subcultivation Ratio:

1:3 to 1:6

Culture Conditions:

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

Cryopreservation:

95% FBS + 5% DMSO (Dimethyl sulfoxide)

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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).

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Thawing Frozen Cells:

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