

CHO-EPCAM Cells | 305974

General information

Description

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CHO-EPCAM cells are recombinant Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells engineered to stably express human epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM; CD326/TACSTD1), a transmembrane glycoprotein broadly expressed on epithelial tissues and highly upregulated in many epithelial-derived cancers. EpCAM is involved in cell-cell adhesion, proliferation, differentiation, and signaling pathways associated with tumor progression and metastasis. Stable CHO-EPCAM models are commonly generated to provide controlled and reproducible EpCAM surface expression for use in binding, targeting, and functional assays involving therapeutic antibodies and engineered immune cell therapies.

CHO-EPCAM cells are widely used in oncology and translational research for the development and characterization of anti-EpCAM monoclonal antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, bispecific T-cell engagers, and CAR-T or CAR-NK cell therapies. The model is particularly useful for evaluating antigen-specific binding affinity, receptor occupancy, internalization kinetics, cytotoxicity, and immune synapse formation. In addition, these cells support flow cytometry assay development, high-throughput screening, and validation of EpCAM-targeted imaging agents or diagnostic platforms. Because CHO cells exhibit stable growth characteristics and minimal endogenous expression of many human epithelial markers, they provide a consistent background for recombinant antigen expression studies.

Organism Chinese hamster

Tissue Ovary

Characteristics

Age Adult

Gender Female

Cell type Epithelial cell of ovary

Growth properties Adherent/suspension

Regulatory Data

Citation CHO-EPCAM (Cytion catalog number 305974)

CHO-EPCAM Cells | 305974**Biosafety level** 1**NCBI_TaxID** 10029**CellosaurusAccession** CVCL_D2TL**Biomolecular Data****Receptors expressed** EpCAM (CD326)**Handling****Culture Medium**

For adherent cultures: DMEM:Ham's F12 (1:1), w: 3.1 g/L Glucose, w: 2.5 mM L-Glutamine, w: 15 mM HEPES, w: 0.5 mM Sodium pyruvate, w: 1.2 g/L NaHCO₃ (Cytion article number 820400a)

For suspension cultures: CHO Growth Medium A (from InSCREENeX; InSCREENeX catalog number INS-ME-1039)

Supplements

For adherent cultures: Supplement the medium with 5% FBS. Add Geneticin (G418-Sulfat) to achieve a final concentration of 0.5 mg/mL.

Dissociation Reagent

For adherent cultures: Trypsin-EDTA

Subculturing

For routine adherent cell culture: Aspirate the old culture medium from the adherent cells, and wash them with PBS to remove any remaining medium. After aspirating the PBS, add the appropriate volume of Trypsin/EDTA solution based on the culture vessel size (e.g., 1 ml for a T25 flask, 3 ml for a T75 flask) and incubate at room temperature or 37°C for 5-10 minutes, or until the cells detach. Monitor detachment under a microscope, and gently tap the vessel if necessary to release the cells. Once detached, add complete medium to inactivate the Trypsin/EDTA, gently resuspend the cells, and transfer an aliquot of the cell suspension into a new culture vessel containing fresh medium. Place the vessel in an incubator set to 37°C with 5% CO₂, and change the medium every 2-3 days.

Fluid renewal

2 to 3 times per week

Post-Thaw Recovery

After thawing, split the cells at a ratio of 1:2 to 1:3 in T25 flasks and allow the cells to recover from the freezing process and to adhere (for adherent cultures) for at least 24 hours.

Freeze medium

As a cryopreservation medium, we use complete growth medium (including FBS) + 10% DMSO for adequate post-thaw viability, or CM-1 (Cytion catalog number 800100), which includes optimized osmoprotectants and metabolic stabilizers to enhance recovery and reduce cryo-induced stress.

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Thawing and Culturing Cells

1. Confirm that the vial remains deeply frozen upon delivery, as cells are shipped on dry ice to maintain optimal temperatures during transit.
2. Upon receipt, either store the cryovial immediately at temperatures below -150°C to ensure the preservation of cellular integrity, or proceed to step 3 if immediate culturing is required.
3. For immediate culturing, swiftly thaw the vial by immersing it in a 37°C water bath with clean water and an antimicrobial agent, agitating gently for 40-60 seconds until a small ice clump remains.
4. Perform all subsequent steps under sterile conditions in a flow hood, disinfecting the cryovial with 70% ethanol before opening.
5. Carefully open the disinfected vial and transfer the cell suspension into a 15 ml centrifuge tube containing 8 ml of room-temperature culture medium, mixing gently.
6. Centrifuge the mixture at $300 \times g$ for 3 minutes to separate the cells and carefully discard the supernatant containing residual freezing medium.
7. Gently resuspend the cell pellet in 10 ml of fresh culture medium. For adherent cells, divide the suspension between two T25 culture flasks; for suspension cultures, transfer all the medium into one T25 flask to promote effective cell interaction and growth.
8. Adhere to established subculture protocols for continued growth and maintenance of the cell line, ensuring reliable experimental outcomes.

Incubation Atmosphere

37°C , 5% CO_2 , humidified atmosphere.

Shipping Conditions

Cryopreserved cell lines are shipped on dry ice in validated, insulated packaging with sufficient refrigerant to maintain approximately -78°C throughout transit. On receipt, inspect the container immediately and transfer vials without delay to appropriate storage.

Storage Conditions

For long-term preservation, place vials in vapor-phase liquid nitrogen at about -150 to -196°C . Storage at -80°C is acceptable only as a short interim step before transfer to liquid nitrogen.

Quality Control & Molecular Analysis

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Sterility

Mycoplasma contamination is excluded using both PCR-based assays and luminescence-based mycoplasma detection methods.

To ensure there is no bacterial, fungal, or yeast contamination, cell cultures are subjected to daily visual inspections.