

Hep-66.3A Cells | 400206**General information****Description**

The Hep-66.4A hepatoma cell line is derived from a mouse liver tumor, specifically from the C57BL/6J mouse strain. This cell line is characterized by its hepatocytic origin, confirmed through intermediate filament protein analysis. Hep-66.4A expresses simple keratins K8 and K18, which are typical of normal liver cells, as well as vimentin and keratin K19 to varying degrees. These protein patterns confirm the hepatocytic nature of the cell line and its classification as a hepatoma line.

The Hep-66.4A cell line displays a predominantly epithelial morphology, reflecting its origin from hepatocytes. This morphological phenotype is consistent with its protein expression profile. DNA fingerprint analysis of Hep-66.4A did not reveal any major structural abnormalities, indicating a degree of genomic stability. However, some changes in the relative intensities of specific bands were observed with increasing passage numbers, suggesting minor genomic variability over extended culture periods.

Despite the absence of detectable p53 mutations in the primary mouse liver tumors, aberrations were found in some hepatoma lines during in vitro propagation. The Hep-66.4A cell line was analyzed for mutations in the p53 and c-Ha-ras genes. The absence of detectable mutations in the p53 gene in this line during early passages suggests a stable genetic background. This cell line serves as a valuable model for studying hepatocellular carcinoma, providing insights into the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying liver tumorigenesis.

Organism

Mouse

Tissue

Liver

Disease

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Synonyms

HEP-66.3A, 66.3A

Characteristics**Breed/Subspecies**

C57BL/6J

Age

Adult

Gender

Female

Morphology

Epithelial-like

Growth properties

Adherent

Regulatory Data

Hep-66.3A Cells | 400206**Citation** Hep-66.3A (Cytion catalog number 400206)**Biosafety level** 1**NCBI_TaxID** 10090**CellosaurusAccession** CVCL_5771**Biomolecular Data****Protein expression** Keratin 8, Keratin 18, Vimentin**Tumorigenic** Yes, in B6C3F1 mice**Mutational profile** P53 wt**Handling****Culture Medium** DMEM, w: 4.5 g/L Glucose, w: 4 mM L-Glutamine, w: 3.7 g/L NaHCO₃, w: 1.0 mM Sodium pyruvate (Cytion article number 820300a)**Supplements** Supplement the medium with 10% FBS**Dissociation Reagent** Accutase**Subculturing** Remove the old medium from the adherent cells and wash them with PBS that lacks calcium and magnesium. For T25 flasks, use 3-5 ml of PBS, and for T75 flasks, use 5-10 ml. Then, cover the cells completely with Accutase, using 1-2 ml for T25 flasks and 2.5 ml for T75 flasks. Let the cells incubate at room temperature for 8-10 minutes to detach them. After incubation, gently mix the cells with 10 ml of medium to resuspend them, then centrifuge at 300xg for 3 minutes. Discard the supernatant, resuspend the cells in fresh medium, and transfer them into new flasks that already contain fresh medium.**Fluid renewal** Every 3 to 5 days**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 x 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% CO₂, 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.