

MeWo Cells | 300285

General information

Description	The cells support the growth of varicella-zoster virus (VZV) isolates at 36 degree Celsius although growth is optimal at 32 degree Celsius.
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Organism	Human
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Tissue	Skin
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Disease	Cutaneous melanoma
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Metastatic site	Lymph node
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Applications	Virus studies
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Synonyms	MEWO, Mewo, Me Wo, Me-Wo, Mevo, SK-MEL-MeWo, Mel-MeWo, BI-Mel, EST50
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Characteristics

Age	78 years
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Gender	Male
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Ethnicity	Caucasian
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Morphology	Fibroblast-like
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Growth properties	Adherent
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Identifiers / Biosafety / Citation

Citation	MeWo (Cytion catalog number 300285)
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Biosafety level	1
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Expression / Mutation

Tumorigenic	Forms malignant melanoma
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Products Melanin

Mutational profile BRAF V600E wt

Handling

Culture Medium EMEM, w: 2 mM L-Glutamine, w: 1.5 g/L NaHCO₃, w: EBSS, w: 1 mM Sodium pyruvate, w: NEAA (Cytion article number 820100c)

Medium supplements Supplement the medium with 10% FBS

Passaging solution 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.

Split ratio A ratio of 1:3 to 1:6 is recommended

Fluid renewal 2 to 3 times per week

Freeze medium CM-1 (Cytion catalog number 800100) or CM-ACF (Cytion catalog number 806100)

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Handling of cryopreserved cultures

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. Optionally, skip centrifugation but remove any remaining freezing medium after 24 hours.
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.

Quality control / Genetic profile / HLA

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.

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STR profile

Amelogenin: x,y
CSF1PO: 12
D13S317: 8,9
D16S539: 10,12
D5S818: 12,13
D7S820: 10,12
TH01: 7,9
TPOX: 8,10
vWA: 15
D3S1358: 17
D21S11: 30,32.2
D18S51: 14,17
Penta E: 5
Penta D: 10
D8S1179: 13,15
FGA: 22
D1S1656: 15,16
D6S1043: 12
D2S1338: 21,23
D12S391: 16,17
D19S433: 14,16

HLA alleles

A*: 02:01:01, 26:01:01
B*: 14:02:01, 38:01:01
C*: 08:02:01, 12:03:01
DRB1*: 01:02:01, 11:01:01G
DQA1*: 01:01:02, 05:05:01
DQB1*: 03:01:01G, 05:01:01G
DPB1*: 04:01:01G, 04:02:01G
E: 01:xx, 01:03:01