

HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP Cells | 300173

General information

Description

The HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP cell line is a genetically engineered human cell model designed to express the AURKB (Aurora Kinase B) protein fused with mEGFP (monomeric Enhanced Green Fluorescent Protein) using Zinc Finger Nuclease (ZFN) technology. AURKB is a serine/threonine kinase that plays a crucial role in mitotic chromosome segregation, cytokinesis, and the regulation of the mitotic spindle checkpoint. The fusion with mEGFP allows for real-time visualization of AURKB activity and localization within the cell, facilitating detailed studies of its dynamic behavior during cell division.

This cell line serves as a powerful tool for researchers investigating the molecular mechanisms of mitosis and the specific functions of AURKB. The incorporation of mEGFP enables fluorescence-based assays and live-cell imaging, providing insights into the spatiotemporal distribution of AURKB. The use of ZFN technology ensures precise genomic integration, maintaining the fidelity of AURKB expression. This model is particularly valuable in cancer research, where AURKB is often overexpressed and linked to tumorigenesis, making it a potential target for therapeutic interventions.

Organism Human

Tissue Endocervix

Disease Adenocarcinoma

Metastatic site Primary tumor site (endocervix)

Applications Aurora B kinase (AURKB) biology; mitotic kinase imaging; chromosome segregation; spindle checkpoint; live-cell imaging; ZFN genome editing validation; cancer biology

Characteristics

Age 30 years

Gender Female

Ethnicity African American

Morphology Epithelial-like cells with mosaic stone shape

Cell type Epithelial cells

Growth properties Adherent

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Regulatory Data

Citation	HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP (Cytion catalog number 300173)
Biosafety level	1
NCBI_TaxID	9606
CellosaurusAccession	CVCL_VL13
Depositor	The Ellenberg Lab (EMBL)
GMO Status	GMO-S1: This HeLa Kyoto line contains a ZFN-integrated mEGFP fusion at the endogenous AURKB locus for mitotic kinase imaging. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biomolecular Data

Products	EGFP (Enhanced Green Fluorescent Protein)
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Handling

Culture Medium	DMEM, w: 4.5 g/L Glucose, w: 4 mM L-Glutamine, w: 3.7 g/L NaHCO ₃ , 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	2 to 3 times per week
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.