

HEK293-CD20 Cells | 305987

General information

Description

Disclaimer: The prices displayed for cell lines are exclusively for academic/not-for-profit customers. For commercial entities the price is approximately €6,250. If you represent a commercial entity or are unsure which category applies, please [contact us](#).

HEK293-CD20 cells are human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK293) cells engineered to stably express human CD20 (MS4A1), a non-glycosylated transmembrane phosphoprotein primarily expressed on B lymphocytes. CD20 is involved in regulation of B-cell activation, proliferation, differentiation, and calcium signaling, and serves as one of the most extensively validated therapeutic targets in hematologic malignancies and autoimmune diseases. Stable HEK293-CD20 models provide controlled and reproducible surface expression of the antigen, enabling detailed characterization of CD20-targeted therapeutics and immune-mediated mechanisms.

HEK293-CD20 cells are widely used in immuno-oncology and biologics development for evaluation of monoclonal antibodies, bispecific antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, and engineered immune cell therapies targeting CD20. These cells support quantitative analysis of antibody binding affinity, epitope specificity, receptor occupancy, internalization dynamics, and Fc-mediated immune effector functions such as antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) and complement-dependent cytotoxicity (CDC). They are also commonly applied in flow cytometry assay development, potency testing, reporter bioassays, and high-throughput therapeutic screening workflows. Because HEK293 cells support efficient recombinant protein expression and robust cell growth, they provide a reliable and scalable platform for standardized assay generation and target validation studies.

Organism

Human

Tissue

Fetal Kidney

Disease

Transformed/immortalized; non-tumorigenic (HEK293 background)

Applications

CD20-targeted antibody and bispecific antibody development; CAR-T cell therapy; ADCC/CDC assays; flow cytometry; biologics potency testing; B-cell antigen research

Characteristics

Age

Fetus

Gender

Female

Morphology

Epithelial-like

Cell type

Epithelial cells

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Growth properties	Monolayer, adherent
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Regulatory Data

Citation	HEK293-CD20 (Cytion catalog number 305987)
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Biosafety level	1
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NCBI_TaxID	9606
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CellosaurusAccession	CVCL_A8V4
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GMO Status	GMO-S1: This HEK293 cell line contains a CD20 (MS4A1) expression construct for therapeutic antibody and immune effector function studies. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.
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Biomolecular Data

Receptors expressed	CD20
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Handling

Culture Medium	RPMI 1640, w: 2.0 mM stable Glutamine, w: 2.0 g/L NaHCO ₃ (Cytion article number 820700a)
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Supplements	Supplement the medium with 10% FBS, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 10 mM HEPES, 1% NEAA. Add Geneticin (G418-Sulfat) to achieve a final concentration of 1 mg/mL.
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Dissociation Reagent	Trypsin-EDTA
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Doubling time	approx. 24-36 hours
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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 until the cells detach (5-10 minutes). 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% CO ₂ , and change the medium every 2-3 days.
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HEK293-CD20 Cells | 305987**Split ratio** 1 to 5**Seeding density** 2 to 4 x 10⁴ cells/cm²**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.

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.

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**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

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.