

HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP/ZFN-INCENP-mCherry Cells | 300270**General information****Description**

The HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP/ZFN-INCENP-mCherry cell line, derived from HeLa Kyoto cells, is a specialized model used in cellular biology research. It has been genetically engineered to express Aurora B kinase (AURKB) tagged with monomeric enhanced green fluorescent protein (mEGFP) and Inner Centromere Protein (INCENP) tagged with mCherry. These modifications enable researchers to track the dynamics and interactions of these proteins during cell division. Aurora B kinase is essential for chromosome segregation and cytokinesis, while INCENP is a critical component of the Chromosomal Passenger Complex (CPC), coordinating mitotic progression.

This dual fluorescent tagging provides a powerful tool for live-cell imaging, allowing detailed study of protein distribution during the cell cycle. The HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP/ZFN-INCENP-mCherry cell line is valuable for researching mitotic regulation, chromosomal stability, and the mitotic checkpoint. The precision of zinc finger nucleases (ZFNs) used for genetic modifications ensures the accuracy of this model, making it ideal for high-fidelity studies in cancer biology and therapeutic development.

Organism

Human

Tissue

Endocervix

Disease

Adenocarcinoma

Metastatic site

Primary tumor site (endocervix)

Applications

Chromosomal Passenger Complex (CPC) biology; Aurora B kinase and INCENP dynamics; live-cell mitosis imaging; dual-color fluorescent tracking; chromosome segregation; cytokinesis; mitotic checkpoint; ZFN genome editing validation

Synonyms

HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP,ZFN-INCENP-mCherry

Characteristics**Age**

30 years

Gender

Female

Ethnicity

African American

Morphology

Epithelial-like cells with mosaic stone shape

Cell type

Epithelial cells

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Growth properties Adherent

Regulatory Data

Citation HK-ZFN-AURKB-mEGFP/ZFN-INCENP-mCherry (Cytion catalog number 300270)

Biosafety level 1

NCBI_TaxID 9606

CellosaurusAccession CVCL_VL14

Depositor The Ellenberg Lab (EMBL)

GMO Status GMO-S1: This HeLa Kyoto dual-color line contains ZFN-engineered AURKB-mEGFP and INCENP-mCherry constructs for chromosome passenger complex studies. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biomolecular Data

Products EGFP (Enhanced Green Fluorescent Protein)

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 2 to 3 times per week

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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.

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.

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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.