

Y-79 Cells | 300382

General information

Description	The Y79 line was isolated by T.W. Reid and associates in January 1971 by explant culture of a primary tumor from the right eye obtained immediately after enucleation. The donor had a strong maternal family history of retinoblastoma. Ultrastructural features including nuclear membrane infoldings, triple membrane structures, microtubules, large coated vesicles, centrioles, basal bodies and annulate lamellae were reportedly similar to those of the original tumor.
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Organism	Human
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Tissue	Retina
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Disease	Retinoblastoma
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Synonyms	Y79, GM01232, GM01232E
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Characteristics

Age	2,5 years
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Gender	Female
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Ethnicity	Caucasian
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Morphology	Multicellular clusters
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Growth properties	Clusters in Suspension
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Regulatory Data

Citation	Y-79 (Cytion catalog number 300382)
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Biosafety level	1
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NCBI_TaxID	9606
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CellosaurusAccession	CVCL_1893
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Biomolecular Data

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Isoenzymes	PGM1, 1, G6PD, B, ES-D, 1, AK-1, 1, GLO-1, 2, Phenotype Frequency Product: 0.1373
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Reverse transcriptase	Negative
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Karyotype	Hypertriploid, with abnormalities including dicentrics, breaks, pulverizations and minutes
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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
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Subculturing	Maintain cultures by periodically adding or replacing the medium. Initiate cultures with a density of 5×10^5 cells/ml and keep the cell concentration within the range of 3×10^5 to 1×10^6 cells/ml for optimal growth.
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Seeding density	1×10^5 cells/ml
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Fluid renewal	Every 3 days
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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.
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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.