

SKM-1 Cells | 305627

General information

Description

The SKM-1 cell line is a human leukemia model established from the peripheral blood of a patient with acute monoblastic leukemia that developed from myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). These cells exhibit immature morphological features, such as a high nucleus-to-cytoplasm ratio and fine azurophilic granules, making them an excellent model for studying the molecular and cellular mechanisms of leukemia, particularly the transition from MDS to acute myeloid leukemia (AML).

Genetic analysis of SKM-1 has revealed important chromosomal abnormalities, including del(9)(q13;q22) and der(17)t(17:?) (p13:?) ; the latter alteration involves the p53 gene, which is overexpressed and harbors mutations in this cell line. These findings highlight the role of p53 in clonal evolution and progression of myeloid malignancies. SKM-1 cells are also characterized by their expression of myelomonocytic markers, including CD4, CD13, and CD33, as well as their positivity for butyrate esterase activity, which aligns with their monoblastic lineage.

This cell line is widely used in research on leukemogenesis, drug resistance, and the molecular pathways underlying leukemia. For instance, SKM-1 provides a platform for exploring the impacts of p53 dysfunction and other genetic lesions on cell proliferation and therapeutic response. It also serves as a model for investigating novel therapeutic strategies for myelodysplastic syndromes and secondary AML.

Organism

Human

Tissue

Peripheral blood

Disease

acute myeloid leukemia

Synonyms

SKM1

Characteristics

Age

76 years

Gender

Male

Ethnicity

Japanese

Morphology

Round cells

Growth properties

Suspension

Regulatory Data

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Citation	SKM-1 (Cytion catalog number 305627)
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Biosafety level	1
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NCBI_TaxID	9606
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CellosaurusAccession	CVCL_0098
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Biomolecular Data

Antigen expression	CD3 -, CD4 (+), CD13 +, CD14 -, CD15 +, CD19 -, CD33 +, HLA-DR +;
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Viruses	EBV -, HBV -, HCV -, HIV-1 -, HIV-2 -, HTLV-1/2 -, MLV -, SMRV -
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Mutational profile	Mutation: ASXL1, Simple, p.Tyr591Ter (c.1773C>A), Homozygous; Mutation: BCORL1, Simple, c.4619-1G>A, Homozygous, Splice acceptor Mutation; Mutation: EZH2, Simple, p.Tyr646Cys (c.1937A>G), Heterozygous; Mutation: KRAS, Simple, p.Lys117Asn (c.351A>C), Homozygous; Mutation: TP53, Simple, p.Arg248Gln (c.743G>A), Homozygous
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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 15% FBS
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Dissociation Reagent	None
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Doubling time	48 hours
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Seeding density	0.3 to 1 x 10 ⁶ cells/ml
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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.
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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.