Product sheet

MSC-P5 Cells | 400294

General information

Description	The MSCP5 cell line, derived from murine skin keratinocytes, represents a vital tool for research in dermatology and cellular biology. This line is characterized by its robust expression of prostaglandin-H synthase 2 (PGHS-2), also known as cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2), an enzyme critical in the prostaglandin biosynthesis pathway, which plays a pivotal role in inflammation and wound healing processes. Notably, MSCP5 cells exhibit a pronounced induction of PGHS-2 expression upon stimulation with phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA), mimicking the cellular response to inflammatory conditions and hyperproliferative states of the epidermis. This cell line offers a unique model for investigating the regulation of COX-2 expression and its implications in skin pathophysiology, including inflammation and carcinogenesis. The PMA-induced upregulation of PGHS-2 in MSCP5 cells provides a valuable system for studying the molecular mechanisms of keratinocyte response to inflammatory stimuli, the role of prostaglandins in skin diseases, and the potential therapeutic targeting of COX-2 in dermatological conditions.
Organism	Mouse
Tissue	Skin
Synonyms	MSCP 5, MSCP-5, MSCP5

Characteristics

Breed/Subspecies	C3H
Cell type	Keratinocyte
Growth properties	Adherent

Regulatory Data

Citation	MSC-P5 (Cytion catalog number 400294)
Biosafety level	1
NCBI_TaxID	10090
CellosaurusAccession	CVCL_5843

Biomolecular Data

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Handling

Culture Medium	EMEM (MEM Eagle), w: 2 mM L-Glutamine, w: 2.2 g/L NaHCO3, w: EBSS (Cytion article number 820100a)
Supplements	Supplement the medium with 10% FBS and 1% NEAA
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.
Seeding density	1×10^4 cells/cm^2
Fluid renewal	2 to 3 times per week
Post-Thaw Recovery	After thawing, plate the cells at 5×10^4 cells/cm^2 and allow the cells to recover from the freezing process and to adhere 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.
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.