

## HeLa S3 Cells | 300384

## General information

## Description

The HeLa S3 cell line is a clonal derivative of the original HeLa cell line, which was established from the cervical cancer cells of an adult woman. HeLa S3 cells are notable for their robust growth in suspension cultures and are frequently used in scientific research due to their adaptability to various medium formulations. This variant retains the key characteristics of the HeLa lineage, such as a rapid doubling time and a karyotype that is highly aneuploid, displaying numerous chromosomal abnormalities which are a hallmark of HeLa cells.

HeLa S3 cells are widely utilized in virology, toxicology, and cancer research, particularly because they maintain the ability to be infected by poliovirus and other viruses, making them invaluable in pathogen-host interaction studies. They are also employed in the study of gene expression and regulation mechanisms under physiological and pathological conditions. The genetic and metabolic profiles of HeLa S3 have been extensively characterized, facilitating their use in high-throughput genetic screens and molecular biology applications.

**Organism** Human

**Tissue** Cervix

**Disease** Adenocarcinoma

**Synonyms** HeLa s3, HeLa-S3, HELA-S3, HeLa/S3, HeLa.S3, HeLa S 3, HeLa S-3, HeLaS3, S3-HeLa, S3 HeLa

## Characteristics

**Age** 30 years

**Gender** Female

**Ethnicity** African American

**Morphology** Epithelial-like

**Growth properties** Adherent

## Regulatory Data

**Citation** HeLa S3 (Cytion catalog number 300384)

**Biosafety level** 1

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**NCBI\_TaxID** 9606**CellosaurusAccession** CVCL\_0058**Biomolecular Data****Isoenzymes** G6PD, A**Virus susceptibility** Poliovirus 1, 2, 3, vesicular stomatitis (Indiana), encephalomyocarditis, adenovirus 5**Reverse transcriptase** Negative**Products** Keratin**Handling****Culture Medium** EMEM (MEM Eagle), w: 2 mM L-Glutamine, w: 2.2 g/L NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 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**  $1 \times 10^4$  cells/cm<sup>2</sup>**Fluid renewal** 2 to 3 times per week**Post-Thaw Recovery** After thawing, plate the cells at  $5 \times 10^4$  cells/cm<sup>2</sup> and allow the cells to recover from the freezing process and to adhere for at least 24 hours.

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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  $-150^{\circ}\text{C}$  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  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  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  $300 \times g$  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

$37^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 5%  $\text{CO}_2$ , humidified atmosphere.

### Flask Coating

None

### Shipping Conditions

Cryopreserved cell lines are shipped on dry ice in validated, insulated packaging with sufficient refrigerant to maintain approximately  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  throughout transit. On receipt, inspect the container immediately and transfer vials without delay to appropriate storage.

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### 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.