Product sheet

NCI-H209 Cells | 300183

General information

Description	The NCI-H209 cell line was derived by A.F. Gazdar and associates in 1979 from the bone marrow of a patient with small cell cancer of the lung. The bone marrow specimen was taken prior to therapy. The line is a classic SCLC cell line which expresses elevated levels of four biochemical markers (neuron specific enolase, brain isoenzyme of creatine kinase, L-DOPA decarboxylase and bombesin-like immunoreactivity. C-myc DNA sequences are not amplified. No gross structural DNA abnormalities were detected. This is a cell line that grows as large aggregates in suspension. Only the aggregates are viable, but no meaningful viability percentage can be measured. The medium will normally contain large amounts of cell debris. The cells express an aberrant form of RB1 that is not phosphorylated, apparently due to a single point mutation at codon 706 (Cys-> Phe).
Organism	Human
Tissue	Lung
Disease	Small cell carcinoma
Metastatic site	Bone marrow
Synonyms	H209, H-209, NCIH209

Characteristics

Age	55 years
Gender	Male
Ethnicity	Caucasian
Morphology	Epithelial-like
Growth properties	Suspension

Regulatory Data

Citation	NCI-H209 (Cytion catalog number 300183)
Biosafety level	1
NCBI_TaxID	9606

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CellosaurusAccession	CVCL_1525

Biomolecular Data

Protein expression	P53 negative
Isoenzymes	G6PD, B, PGM1, 1-2, PGM3, 1, ES-D, 1, Me-2, 0, AK-1, 1, GLO-1, 1-2, Phenotype Frequency Product = 0.0624
Tumorigenic	Yes, forms transplantable tumors with typical SCLC histology in nude mice
Products	The line produces normal amounts of p53 mRNA relative to normal lung.

Handling

Culture Medium	RPMI 1640, w: 2.0 mM stable Glutamine, w: 2.0 g/L NaHCO3 (Cytion article number 820700a)
Supplements	Supplement the medium with 10% FBS
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 x 10^5 cells/mL
Fluid renewal	2 to 3 times per week
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% 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.