

**RBE Cells | 305019**

**Description**

The RBE cell line is a human intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (CC) cell line derived from a 64-year-old female patient. This cell line was established alongside a sarcomatoid counterpart (SSP-25) from the same tumor nodule, highlighting the coexistence of adenocarcinoma and sarcomatoid components within a single CC lesion. RBE cells are characterized by their epithelial morphology, growing as a monolayer with a Epithelial-like appearance, which is typical of epithelial cells.

Phenotypically, the RBE cell line expresses key markers associated with cholangiocarcinoma. These include cytokeratins CK7 and CK19, gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT), carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), carbohydrate antigen 19-9 (CA19-9), and vimentin. Additionally, mucin production is detected in approximately half of the RBE cells, as evidenced by periodic acid-Schiff (PAS) staining. These features confirm the adenocarcinoma origin of RBE cells and distinguish them from the SSP-25 cell line, which lacks CEA, CA19-9, and mucin expression.

**Organism**

Human

**Tissue**

Bile duct

**Disease**

Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

**Age**

64 years

**Gender**

Female

**Morphology**

Epithelial

**Growth properties**

Adherent

**Citation**

RBE (Cytion catalog number 305019)

**Biosafety level**

1

**NCBI\_TaxID**

9606

**CellosaurusAccession**

CVCL\_4896

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**Culture Medium**

RPMI 1640, w: 2.0 mM stable Glutamine, w: 2.0 g/L NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (Cytion article number 820700a)

**Supplements**

Supplement the medium with 10% FBS

**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.

**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  $-150^{\circ}\text{C}$  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.

### 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.

### Storage Conditions

For long-term preservation, place vials in vapor-phase liquid nitrogen at about  $-150$  to  $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Storage at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  is acceptable only as a short interim step before transfer to liquid nitrogen.

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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.