



# MCF-12A

CRL-3598™

Product Sheet

## Description

MCF-12A is an epithelial cell that was isolated from the mammary gland of a White, 60-year-old female patient. MCF-12A cell line is a non-tumorigenic epithelial cell line from tissue taken at reduction mammoplasty from a nulliparous patient with fibrocystic breast disease that had focal areas of intraductal hyperplasia. This product is an ATCC manufactured and accessioned progeny of ATCC CRL-10782 cited in US Pat. No. 5,206,165.

**Organism:** *Homo sapiens*, human

**Cell Type:** epithelial cell

**Tissue:** Breast; Mammary gland

**Age:** 60 years

**Gender:** Female

**Morphology:** epithelial

**Growth properties:** Adherent

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

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## Intended Use

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## BSL 1

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## Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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## Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** 95% Air, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

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## Handling Procedures

**Complete medium:** A 1:1 mixture of Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium and Ham's F12 medium, 20 ng/ml Human epidermal growth factor, 100 ng/ml cholera toxin, 0.01 mg/ml bovine insulin and 500 ng/ml hydrocortisone, 95%; horse serum, 5%

**Handling Procedure:**

To insure the highest level of viability, thaw the vial and initiate the culture as soon as possible upon receipt. If upon arrival, continued storage of the frozen culture is necessary, it should be stored in liquid nitrogen vapor phase and not at -70°C.

Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.

1. Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a **37°C** water bath. To reduce the possibility of contamination, keep the O-ring and cap out of the water. Thawing should be rapid (approximately 2 minutes).
2. Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are thawed, and decontaminate by dipping in or spraying with 70% ethanol. All of the operations from this point on should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
3. It is recommended that the cryoprotective agent be removed immediately. Centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 125 x g for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in an appropriate amount of fresh growth medium.
4. Transfer the cells to a 75 cm<sup>2</sup> tissue culture flask and dilute with the recommended complete culture medium (see the specific batch information for the recommended dilution ratio). It is important to avoid excessive alkalinity of the medium during recovery of the cells. It is suggested that, prior to the addition of the vial contents, the culture vessel containing the growth medium be placed into the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0 to 7.6).
5. Incubate the culture at **37°C** in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

**Subculturing procedure:**

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm<sup>2</sup> flask; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes.

1. Remove and discard culture medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cell layer with 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin-0.03% (w/v) EDTA solution to remove all traces of serum which contains trypsin inhibitor.

3. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of Trypsin-EDTA solution to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually with 5 to 15 minutes).  
**Note:** To avoid clumping do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the flask while waiting for the cells to detach. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.
4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 mL of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. To remove trypsin-EDTA solution, transfer cell suspension to centrifuge tube and spin at approximately 125 x *g* for 5 to 10 minutes.
6. Discard supernatant and resuspend cells in fresh culture medium. Add appropriate aliquots of cell suspension to new culture vessels.
7. Place culture vessels in incubators at 37°C.

**Subcultivation inoculum:** 1-2 x 10<sup>4</sup> viable cells/cm<sup>2</sup>

**Medium Renewal:** Every 2 to 3 days

**Reagents for cryopreservation:** Complete culture medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO. Cell culture tested DMSO is available as ATCC Catalog No. 4-X.

**Note:** Lots manufactured prior to 05/20/2020 may have used a different cryopreservative, contact technical service if needed.

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## Material Citation

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## References

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