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Product Sheet

Melanocyte Growth Kit (ATCC® PCS-200-041™)

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Storage Temp.
-20°C (or -70°C for long-term storage)

Biosafety Level
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Description

Product Description: Melanocyte Growth Kit (ATCC® PCS-200-041) contains components that when added to Dermal Cell Basal Medium (ATCC® PCS-200-030) create a complete ATCC® Primary Cell Solutions™ culture environment for melanocytes derived from normal human epidermis (e.g., Primary Epidermal Melanocytes, Normal, Human Neonatal, ATCC® PCS-200-012). The complete low serum medium is formulated to support robust melanocyte growth in the *absence* of cholera toxin and phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA).
Volume: 1 Kit

Directions for Use

Unpacking and Storage Instructions

1. Check all containers for leakage or breakage.
2. Store the growth kit(s) at either -20°C in a freezer that is not self-defrosting or at -70°C for long-term storage. If thawed upon arrival, the Growth Kit can be stored at 2°C to 8°C and added to the basal medium within 72 hours of receipt.

Preparation of Complete Growth Media

1. Obtain one growth kit from the freezer; make sure that the caps of all components are tight.
2. Thaw the components of the growth kit just prior to adding to the basal medium. It is necessary to warm the L-glutamine component in a 37°C water bath and shake to dissolve any precipitates, prior to adding to the basal medium.
3. Obtain one bottle of Dermal Cell Basal Medium (485 mL) from cold storage.
4. Decontaminate the external surfaces of all growth kit component vials and the basal medium bottle by spraying with 70% ethanol.
5. Using aseptic technique and working in a laminar flow hood or biosafety cabinet, transfer the indicated volume of each growth kit component to the bottle of basal medium using a separate sterile pipette for each.

Table 1. Melanocyte Growth Kit Components

Component	Volume	Final Concentration
rh Insulin	0.5 mL	5 µg/mL
Ascorbic Acid	0.5 mL	50 µg/mL
L-Glutamine	15.0 mL	6 mM
Epinephrine	0.5 mL	1.0 µM
Calcium chloride	80 µL	0.2 mM
M8 Supplement	5 mL	Proprietary formulation

Antimicrobials and phenol red are not required for proliferation, but may be added if desired. The recommended volume of each ***optional*** component to be added to the complete growth media is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Addition of Antimicrobials/Antimycotics and Phenol Red (Optional)

Component	Volume	Final Concentration
Gentamicin-Amphotericin B Solution	0.5 mL	Gentamicin: 10 µg/mL Amphotericin B: 0.25 µg/mL
Penicillin-Streptomycin-Amphotericin B Solution	0.5 mL	Penicillin: 10 Units/mL Streptomycin: 10 µg/mL Amphotericin B: 25 ng/mL
Phenol Red	0.5 mL	33 µM

6. Tightly cap the bottle of complete growth medium and swirl the contents gently to assure a homogeneous solution. Do not shake forcefully to avoid foaming. Label and date the bottle.
7. Complete media should be stored in the dark at 2°C to 8°C (do not freeze). When stored under these conditions, complete media is stable for 30 days.

ATCC Warranty

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